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THURSDAY JANUARY 11 1990

# Major warns The BBC is finding to guestioned dominance of vised sport increasingly on pay as deal looms at Ford

### **TUC and CBI urged** to combat inflation

By Robin Oakley, Kevin Eason and Colin Narbrough

But Ford, Britain's biggest

the Cabinet table.

wage settlements running well

above the level of inflation,

said: "The point about very

high pay settlements is not

whether they are plus or

minus the current level of the

Retail Price Index. That really

ought to be irrelevant. The

afford the pay increases because of increased

He said inflation appears to

have stabilized but made clear

that interest rates would have

to stay high until inflation was on a steady downward path.

At the NEDC meeting, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, urged Mr Major not to heritate to price interest

to hesitate to raise interest

counter-inflationary policy.

The Chancellor's messag

show growth.

Monetary System.

risen sharply over the last few

increase is still lower than the

average for Group of Seven

leading industrial economies.

In its budget submission to the NEDC, the Trades Union

Congress calls for a big in-

crease in child benefit, lower

tax relief on mortgages and

private health insurance and a

large rise in the duty on

left it on the edge of recession.

Mr Hurd disclosed yester-

democracy would be introdu-

ced in Hong Kong elections in

1991 and 1995. But he will not

announce proposals on his vi-

Full reports.

Parliament ...

cigarettes and alcohol.

years, but added that the

productivity."

car company whose pay deals act as a benchmark, was on the

brink of giving in to union

pressure last night by offering an inflation-busting double-

figure pay rise to its 32,000 manual workers.

Mr Major will go into retreat at Chevening this

weekend with his Treasury

colleagues and civil servants

begin considering this

ear's Budget with escalating

pay claims the Government's

Downing Street is insisting

that it will be management

and workers who will be to

blame for the lost jobs if

inflationary wage claims are

and sundry that wage in-creases not matched by

productivity increases will in-

evitably mean British firms

losing business to worldwide

competitors and an early end to the 40 consecutive months

in which unemployment in

ambulance pay dispute so

Both sides at Ford were

prepared to talk on last night

to try to avert a strike that could damage its position as

Britain's market leader. It was

becoming clear Ford would be

forced to offer rises of 10 per

That would smash through

the current inflation rate of 7.7

per cent and dismay ministers

who have set a priority of

containing wage rises as part

Mr John Banham, the direc-

tor-general of the Confedera-

tion of British Industry,

blamed the Government for the "headline rate" of infla-

tion which was leading to the

Rising electricity prices and the £2 billion added to in-

dustry's bills from the uniform

business rate being introduced

in April would increase in-

Mr Banham added: "These

are own-goals. I think the

Chancellor knows very well

than expected yesterday when

he sought to head off a Conser-

vative backbench revolt over

proposals to give 50,000 Hong

Kong heads of households the

He told the Conservative

backbench foreign affairs

committee that the scheme struck a "fair balance" be-

tween Britain's duty to Hong

Kong and the need to control

right to live in Britain.

**Hurd survives revolt on** 

Hong Kong immigration

By Our Political Staff

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tomorrow for Hong Kong, point Hong Kong legislators.

Secretary, faced less criticism package is too small.

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Britain has decreased.

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Ministers are warning all

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CBI anger ...

get inflation down,"

Mr John Major issued a interest rates down. The way that the prime audience for stern warning yesterday to get interest rates down is to any sermons about wage restern warning yesterday to the TUC and the CBI that wage increases above the level of productivity would lead to increased unemployment, higher inflation and a lengthy period of continued high interest rates.

Crucial pay negotiations at Ford were continuing as the Chancellor of the Exchequer told the National Economic Development Council that higher productivity was the only valid reason for big pay

He said of Britain's businesses: "If, over a period, they pay wage increases above the rate of productivity, they will fuel inflation and they are likely to cost jobs."

Mr Major told both sides of industry, who complained of high interest rates and warned him of the dangers of recession: "Everyone wants to get

#### INSIDE

#### No spoils to the victors

 Maricica Pulca and Ivan Patzaikin were international recognition brought them no relief from the rigours of life in their home country of Romania. On page 38 we conclude our series on sport under the

Ceausescu dynasty with a look at how fame meant little fortune for some of the great athletes of the past 20

# PLATINUM

 Three people shared yesterday's Portfolio Platinum prize of £2,000 (see page 3). Today's chance to win £2,000 appears on: page 29

#### Nixdorf £1bn

Nixdorf, the loss-making West German computer maker, has sold out control to Siemens the electronics concern which is Europe's biggest information technology group, for an estimated £1 bn ........ Page 21

Kidney charge 17.51 a role and particular A surgeon was accused of deceiving colleagues when he used a National Health Service kidney on a private patient who was not entitled, was told in London ..... Page 3

#### **BAe** dispute

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# Hostile crowd awaits Gorbachov



### Moscow hints at a compromise as Lithuania demands freedom

By Nick Worrall in Vilnius, and Mary Dejevsky

rates again, if weakness in the exchange rate of the pound jeapordized the Government's Thousands of Lithuanians, shouting and singing their City economists believe Mr desire for independence. Major is reluctant to raise joined a demonstration in the interest rates, for fear of centre of Vilnius yesterday pushing the economy into amid signs that Moscow was trying to find at least a Ministers are taking the to the meeting was that he political risk of fighting the does not expect the economy temporary solution to the to the meeting was that he conflict between the Soviet and Lithuanian Communist to fall into recession this year. Party organizations.

deal will trigger a rush of other in curbing demand, but the The previous evening Mr Vadim Medvedev, the Kremeconomy would continue to lin's ideology chief who is Mr Leigh-Pemberton said leading a 40-strong delegation on a fact-finding mission around the republic, hinted Britain would not have to wait for domestic inflation to drop as low as in other European that Moscow might be on the point of conceding many of Comunity countries before making the pound a full the Lithuanian party's demands. He suggested that it participant in the European might be the central party organization rather than the Lithuanian party that would be required to make the In a general assessment of the economy, Mr Major noted that business investment has

greater concessions. "The party as a whole can benefit from greater decen-tralization," Mr Medvedev

said. A Central Committee Mr Gorbachov and Lithuaplenum planned to be held in Moscow at the end of January, he said, "would mean greater freedoms for local party organizations".

Tass quoted Mr Medvedev as saying: "The platform must be prepared for a number of radical transformations in the tially for the independence of Communist parties in the republics, of party organizations and of the role of each party

member." It was not clear, however, whether he was envisaging the possibility of individual, independent party organizations, or whether he meant only that relations between the centre and the republiclevel parties would be looser in future. For the Lithuanian Communist Party, the dif-

Mr Medvedev's remarks followed a meeting between

nian Communist leaders in Moscow last week, at which the Soviet leader was reported for the first time to have been sympathetic to the Lithuanian

Photograph.

ference would be crucial.

banners emblazoned with slogans like "Gorbachov go home - with Red Army" gave a foretaste of what the Soviet eader can expect. Groups from Estonia, Lat-via, Belorussia and the

Yesterday's demonstration in Vilnius was organized by the Lithuanian popular front

Comecon embrace... Forlorn hope.

organization Sajudis to coincide with the first day of President Gorbachov's visit to the republic. Although the start of the Soviet leader's visit was postponed by a day, the demonstration went ahead as a warm-up for the massive demonstration planned by Sajudis to greet Mr Gorbachov when he arrives in Lithuania today.

Speeches calling for in-

#### **Martial** law ends in Peking From Heidi Chay Peking dependence and secession from the Soviet Union and

Ukraine had driven to Vilnius

flags in support of Lithuania's

Mr Gorbachov's itinerary

has not yet been released. It is

believed that he will fly from

Moscow direct to a military

airport outside Vilnius and

first visit one of the republic's

smaller towns first. He may

not arrive in the capital until

Professor Vytautas Lands

bergis, the leader of Sajudis,

said: "For us Mr Gorbachov is

visiting as head of a neigh-

bouring foreign state. It is a

state with which we do not

wish to have bad relations."

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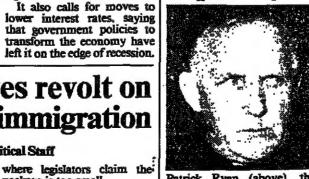
Chinese authorities declared an end to seven months of martial law in Peking yesterday, soon after Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong Kong, arrived in the Chinese capital on a confidence-building mission.

The lifting of martial law indicates that the situation in the capital and the whole country has become stable." Mr Li Peng, the Chinese Premier said.

"A great victory has been won in checking the turmoil and quelling the counterrevolutionary rebellion," he said, referring to the prodemocracy movement that prompted the declaration of martial law on May 20.

The announcement was well timed to set an upbeat tone for Sir David's talks with senior Chinese leaders during Continued on page 20, col 4

#### **Catholic** order expels Ryan



Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign where legislators claim the Patrick Ryan (above), Irish priest wanted in Britain on charges of conspiracy to day that more Vietnamese refmurder and possession of ugees are to be sent home. He explosives, was expelled yesalso reaffirmed that greater lerday from his Order, the Pallottine Fathers, for defying

his superiors.

He can no longer offer Mass, preach or administer sacraments. He is understood to have last worked for the Pallottines, the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, in 1973.

### **Customs drugs** haul is up 39%

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Corresponder

Customs drug seizures rose 39 about abuse of the drug. per cent last year to a record street value of £259 million amid evidence that traffickers are increasingly using European Community countries as transit routes to avoid tough

controls on entry into Britain. New Customs seizure figures for 1989 announced yesterday show that 40 per cent of all drugs seized last year came from other EC countries, and that the European smuggling phenomenon now includes a growing use of day trippers to bring drugs across the Channel through ports like Dover. Overall the 1989 seizures

offer little hope for the Government of a respite in the fight to halt drug abuse. Cocaine seizures rose by 49 per cent to 935lb, while heroin seizures went up by 43 per cent to 730lb, which is equivalent to 11 million doses and for some months, after figures' Fall report, page 2 | must prompt fresh anxiety

Heroin seizures have also started to rise in the United States, but this has been attributed to the peaking of cocaine use. There are no signs in Britain that cocaine use has peaked. Despite the increasing sei-

zures of the narcotic drugs, the purity and street price of both

Leading article.

cocaine and heroin remain stable in Britain.

Cannabis seizures rose by 15 per cent, from 44 tonnes in 1988 to 50 tonnes last year, 50 per cent of it coming in through EC countries, and amphetamine sulphate seizures rose by 13 per cent, from 281/2 lb to 481/2 lb.

The full national picture of seizures will not be complete Continued on page 20, col 7

#### MPs split over admission charges to museums done before in this committee. On this



By Simon Tait Arts Correspondent

A Commons select committee has been split over admission charges for national

museums and galleries. The select committee on education, science and the arts published yesterday a delayed report, Should Museums Charge? Some Case Studies, which recommends "that all national museums and galleries should consider introducing compulsory admission charges".

It is, however, no more than a

majority report. Labour members of the committee have taken the unprecedented step of tabling a minority report rejecting the proposition of charges. Mr Martin Flannery, MP for Sheffield Hillsborough, the senior Labour com-

mittee member, said: "It has never been

issue we felt that it was so important, a tradition of free entry which has been so established. and that it should remain that we, rather sadly, have had to put out a minority

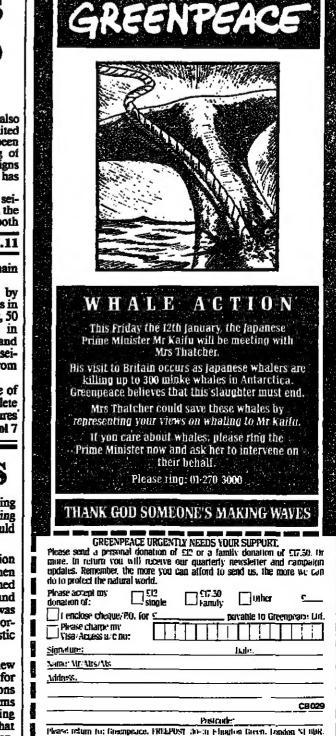
report." He said there had been no evidence to show that revenue raised by charging would compensate for the loss of visitors.

Mr Peter Longman, secretary of the Museums and Galleries Commission, said the committee was in disarray over the issue. "It is very sad that the committee, which has done so much good work over the years for the arts, should have torn itself apart." Mr Harry

Greenway, Conservative MP for Faling North, said he had voted for charging only "in the hope that trustees would consider it and then reject it".

Shortly before the report's publication was expected, in November, the then chairman, Mr Timothy Raison, resigned over leaks from the committee and divisions among members, and it was revealed vesterday that the final majority report was the result of drastic redrafting.

Mr Malcolm Thornton, the new chairman and Conservative MP for Crosby, said the main recommendations were that trustees of national museums and galleries should consider imposing compulsory admission charges; and that there should be concessions for children, the disadvantaged and regular users.



#### NEWS ROUNDUP -

### Detonators link to IRA arms find

A member of the public has found what police believe might be home-made detonators connected with the IRA arms cache discovered in west Wales in November (Quentin

Dyfed Powys police said two batteries, connectors and some wire were found on December 31, eight days after police arrested two men as they approached the dump which contained 100 lbs of Semtex and a dozen hand weapons and AK47 automatic rifles.

A police spokesman said the material was undergoing forensic tests but said the find was of little or no significance. He strongly denied early reports that police had found more explosives and weapons on the Welsh coast.

#### Bookstore 'a hazard'

Disaster would have ensued had a fire broken out at Foyles, a bookstore in London's Charing Cross Road, Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court heard yesterday. Stacks of old novels and boxes blocked escape routes and the shop's firedoors were padlocked and boited. Shoppers would have been trapped inside and would have been crushed in the "pandemonium". The family firm faces 11 charges of flouting fire regulations after a visit by inspectors in 1988. Mr Francis Boal, the assistent manager, and the company have admitted two charges but denied the rest.

Tory poll tax fears

Senior Tory MPs are considering a last-minute appeal to the Prime Minister about the amount of Treasury subsidy to cushion the introduction of the community charge (Nicholas Wood writes). The move comes as government whips grew more worried about a threatened backbench revolt next Thursday when the Commons debates the revenue support grant settlement for the new financial year. Some whips even fear a possible government defeat.

#### Tolstoy to appeal

Count Nikolai Tolstoy said yesterday that he would appeal against the libel damages of £1.5 million awarded to Lord Aldington, the former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party. Mr Nigel Watts, who published a pamphlet which Count Tolstoy had written concerning Lord Aldington's part in the repatriation of Cossacks and Yugoslavs at the end of the Second World War, is not to appeal. He will petition for

#### 90 tin mine jobs lost

A big fall in the international tin price led to the loss of 90 jobs at two of Britain's three remaining tin mines yesterday. The job cuts were made at the South Crofty mine, near Camborne, Cornwall, and the Wheal Jane mine, near Truro, which together employed 550. Carnon Consolidated, which bought the maies from Rio Tinto Zinc in a management buy-out in 1988, said: "We have to pull in our horns because the tin price has fallen from £5,800 to £4,200 a tonne."

#### Editor to leave Sky

his additional responsibilities as executive chairman of Sky Television from February 1 (Richard Evans writes). He took up the job in November 1988 and the four Sky channels were launched last February. Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, will take over Mr Neil's duties at Sky along with existing executives. Sky and Times Newspapers, publishers of The Times and The Sunday Times, are both subsidiaries of News International

### Polytechnic bosses split on pay stance

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

front put up by the poly- dispute, while about 25 have technic employers in their dispute with the lecturers' union emerged yesterday.

The governors of Oxford Polytechnic are planning to write to the Polytechnics' and Colleges' Employers' Forum criticizing its decision to withdraw recognition from the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education.

Provided the Oxford branch of the association agrees to an offer of 6 per cent from April last year, the directorate of the polytechnic will write to Mr Roger Ward, the employers' chief negotiator, urging him to reopen negotiations with the union and settle minimum hourly rates for part-time polytechnic academics.

Although Oxford Polytechnic has made a local offer, Mr Clive Booth, the director, wants to preserve national pay bargaining while a number of others do not.

Last week, the forum said that a third of the 84 polytechnics it represented were planning to make local settlements to try to end the dispute after the union rejected an 8.4 per cent pay offer.

Aiready, at least 100,000 students in polytechnics have been affected by the academics' refusal to mark examina-

Although the 70,000 students on one-year courses have been worst affected directors fear the action will bear upon an increasing number of ordinary undergrad-

The first crack in the united term, had been set back by the not received a degree award boycott of examinations.

> The effects of the dispute will escalate rapidly over the next two terms," he said. • The leader of Britain's biggest teachers' union yesterday ruled out strike action in pursuit of its 20 per cent pay claim (Douglas Broom

Mr Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said industrial action in schools would destroy "unprecedented" public support for its campaign for higher pay for teachers and alienate parents.

A return to the methods which led to the Government imposing a pay deal on the 400,000 English and Welsh teachers in 1987 at the end of a disastrous pay dispute would be "counter productive and

weaken our case", he said. However, Mr McAvoy announced that the union was prepared to spend up to £1 million in extending its newspaper advertising campaign highlighting teacher shortages. It also plans to lobby 50

Tory MPs in marginal seats to put pressure on the Government to relax its £600 million cash limit on the annual teachers' pay rise due in April. equivalent to a 7.5 per cent across-the-board increase.

The lobby will be timed to coincide with the report of the Interim Advisory Committee on teachers' pay, due out at the end of this month.

Mr McAvoy said he ex-Mr Brian Sommers, deputy pected demands for "de-director of Oxford Poly-technic, said that at least 3,000 rise fell short of the 10 per cent average increase in non-manses, which are assessed each ual pay.

### Patrick Ryan is expelled from missionary order By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

Patrick Ryan, the Roman Catholic priest wanted in Britain on terrorist charges, has been expelled from his missionary order.

The Roman Catholic Information Office in Dublin said yesterday that Mr Ryan had been dismissed from the Society of the Catholic Apostoiste, a 2,000-strong order generally known as the Pallotine Fathers.

Quoting a brief statement issued by Father William Hanly, Provin-cial Superior of the Order in Ireland, it said Mr Ryan had been dismissed for "prolonged absences from the society and for persistent refusal to

tions of his superiors". The statement said the decision had been ratified by the Holy See's Congregation for Institutes of the Consecrated Life in Rome last

It made no references to Mr Ryan's alleged activities on behalf of the IRA or the fact that he is wanted by Scotland Yard on charges of conspiracy to murder and pos-session of bombs and explosives.

Under canon law, the decision means he can no longer perform the vows, rites or duties deriving from bership of the Order. He is also effectively suspended from priestly

functions. He cannot offer mass, preach or administer sacraments.

An inquiry by the Order into Mr Ryan began about six months ago after his return to Ireland after Belgium refused to extradite him to Britain. At the time, he was under temporary suspension pending a full inquiry and could say mass or preach in public only with the permission of his local bishop.

He is understood to have last worked for the Pallotines in 1973 when he returned to Ireland after brief spells in Africa and southern England. He has been out of contact with the Order ever since.

political displute last October after a decision by the Irish Director of Public Prosecutions not to proceed with a prosecution against him for alleged terrorist offences in Britain because of insufficient evidence.

Recently he petitioned Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, and Mr Jacques Delors, President of the European Community, in an unsuccessful attempt to be granted a guarantee of safe passage against arrest and extra-dition throughout the EC.

• Mr Ryan's expulsion, which means he can no longer be referred to in print as Father Ryan, will come as a great relief to the Roman Catholic Church on both sides of the Irish Sea (Clifford Longley writes) In 1988, Cardinal Basil Hurse of

Westminster asked the British me. dia not to call him Father Ryan He said in a statement that the title. implied a Christian pastoral ministry, adding: "Patrick Ryan walked out of his religious order 14 years ago. In so doing, he resourced the relationships which justify the normai use of the title, Father."

Ordination to the priesthood is viewed in the Roman Catholic Church as irrevocable. The ruling expelling him from the Order has the effect of reducing him to the status of a layman.

# Unionists to see Brooke on devolution initiative

By Our Irish Affairs Correspondent

further talks after his keynote speech on devolution on Tuesday.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said yesterday that be and Mr Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionist Party, on the Anglo-Irish Agreement, were prepared to meet Mr The sources emphasized brooke again after initial distance of State and cussions with him in the

Mr Molyneaux, leading what has generally been a positive and warm response to Mr Brooke's speech both from politicians in Ulster and from party leaders in the Irish Republic, said he believed other political parties in Northern Ireland had now made significant progress in meeting Unionist demands.

Mr Brooke, in an upbeat assessment of the political stalemate in the province, had said he believed there was sufficient "common ground" for inter-party talks to begin, aimed at eventually creating some form of devolved

Mr Molyneaux interpreted the Secretary of State's coments in the speech on the Anglo-Irish Agreement as evidence that the Government may be considering a new agreement or a suspension of the treaty for a strictly limited

He said he thought Mr Paisley would accompany him

Unionist leaders are to meet at a new round of talks Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of although he had not contacted State for Northern Ireland, for him directly. Mr Paisley is in the Cameroons.

However, government sources in Belfast, while welcoming the interest which the speech has generated, continued to point out that Mr Brooke has said nothing new

said only that if talks between the "constitutional parties" in Ulster reach agreement on a devolved administration and that administration comes into being, then the Govern-ment would be prepared to look at the implications for Mr Brooke, speaking during

a visit to Londonderry, underlined that he was encouraged by the reaction, but said it would be sensible to wait until the speech had been properly studied. It is believed that Mr Molyneaux, for example, had still not read the text in full by yesterday afternoon.

Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, reiterated his call for talks but said that the future of the Anglo-Irish treaty should not be jeopardized in any way in the process. Mr Hume said that talks

should be held outside the framework of the agreement and without prejudice to anybody's position on the

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### Morrison denies terrorist charges

IRA's political wing, was remanded in custody at Belfast Magistrates' Court yesterday on terrorist charges (Our Irish Affairs Correspondent writes),

Mr Morrison, who is Sinn Fein's director of publicity, was one of several people arrested on Sunday in a police and Army operation in west Belfast in connection with an alleged abduction.

Mr Morrison, who represented himself in court, faces charges of conspiracy to murder Alexander Joseph Lynch between January 4 and 8, of unlawfully imprisoning him, and of membership of the Provisional IRA.

He denied the charges and was remanded in custody until January 26.

A detective inspector told the court that on being charged in the early hours of yesterday, Mr Morrison said: Both you and I know that these charges are unsustain-

"As advised by my lawyer, I retain my right to silence, with the houst Throughout questioning you Lynch was held.

Mr Danny Morrison, vice-president of Sinn Fein, the that right and have drawn inferences which are unsurportable and the court will see

> Four other men, all from west Belfast, appeared separately on the same charges as Mr Morrison. The four were John Anthony Murray, age 39, of Creeslough Park; Gerard Hodgins, aged 30, of Lenadoon Avenue; James Terence O'Carroll, aged 27, of Andersonstown Park; and Daniel Caldwell, aged 33, of Colinvale, Poleglass.

They were also remanded in custody until January 26.

During cross-examination by Mr Morrison, the inspector told the court he was awaiting the results of forensic examin ations on more than 1,000 exhibits found at the house where, it is alleged, Mr Lynch was held against his will. The inspector said Mr

Lynch was abducted on January 5 and rescued by the police and Army units two days later. He said he had identification evidence linking Mr Morrison with the house where Mr

### **Guildford four inquiry**

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

the case of the Guildford four as lay advisers, Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday.

Sir Richard Barratt, HM

The chief inspector of ety and former general sec-constabulary and a former retary of the Civil and Public senior trade unionist are to Services Association, join join the judicial inquiry into Professor John Smith, QC, of Cambridge University, as

However, the solicitor for Paul Hill, one of the four criticized the appointment of Chief Inspector of Constabu-lary, and Mr Alistair Graham, director of the Industrial Soci-terested," he said. a police chief to the inquiry: "He is not lay. He is in-

# City of culture theme for stamp



Mr Paul Hogarth, of Cambridge, with his design for a new stamp recognizing Glasgow as the European City of Culture 1990. Behind him is the stamp's subject, the former Templeton Carpet factory on Glasgow Green. A first class stamp featuring Glasgow School of Art and the 37p with the carpet factory will go on sale from March 6.

Grant allocations

### Extra £6m for 'mad cow' research

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

A further £6.3 million for research into the virus that causes the "mad-cow disease" BSE, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, was announced yesterday by the Government.

Mr Robert Jackson, Minister of State for Science, said it was in addition to the £6 million allocated on Tuesday by the Ministry of Agriculture for research into containing the disease. The extra money is part of an increase of £73 million that the Department of Education and Science agreed yesterday for next year's science budget, totalling £897 million, that will be shared out by the five research councils among institutions. The increases will be spread as follows: The Agriculture and Food Research

£74.57 million this year (1989-90) to £85.91 million; · Economic and Social Research Coun-

cil from £32.02 million to £36.01 ● Medical Research Council from £176.34 million to £185.71 million; Natural Environment Research Co cil from £123.46 million to £135.23

● Science and Engineering Research Council from £404.96 million to £438.62

The remaining increases are contributions to maintaining scientific excellence through the Royal Society, the Fellowship of Engineering and Support for the new Centre for Exploitation of Science and Technology, at Manchester. The

Council's budget will increase from allocation was made on the recommendations of the Advisory-Board for the Research Councils, under the chairmanship of Professor Sir David Phillips, of Oxford University.

In its advice on future work by the Agricultural and Food Research Council it said: "The most pressing priority is oped programme of 'slow virus' research, designed in particular to improve basic understanding at the molecular and cellular levels of the BSE agent and its host interactions."

£1.5 million of the money going to the Economic and Social Research Council is being used to create a centre for economic performance at the London School of Economics to investigate why some firms prosper while others fail.

Ambulance dispute

### Cook seeks to isolate Clarke

By Nicholas Wood and Tim Jones

vative divisions over the ambulancemen's dispute, by tabling a motion intended to isolate Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for

The move comes as the 18week dispute grows still more bitter after the decision by crews in some areas to ignore managers' instructions and run their own 999 service from today.

The areas affected are those in which staff have been suspended or pay has been

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's chief health spokesman, said, on the eve of a full-scale Commons debate on the pay deadlock, that Tory back-benchers should "speak for their constituents" and echo the overwhelming public support for a just settlement of the The Opposition motion

seeks to undermine Mr

Clarke's submission that only a minority of ambulancemen are highly trained lifesavers aged in emergency work. It describes them as providing an "essential emergency service", and notes that eighty per cent of all ambulance crews are "fully qualified to

Labour will today seek to provide skilled attention" to the dispute." Ambulancement exploit backbench Conser-accident victims and other resented the Government's accident victims and other resented the Government's casualties. On Tuesday, Mrs Thatcher

said it was necessary to reward the most highly trained staff, but twice declined to endorse Mr Clarke's description of some ambulancemen as "professional drivers". That description, in a letter from Mr Clarke, has enraged

the unions, and several Tory MPs are unhappy about Mr Clarke's abrasive tactics. Mr Cook said: "We have

sought in the motion to put on the record all the points about the ambulance staff that Ken Clarke has been denying throughout the four months of



Mr Cook: Aiming to exploit

emphasis on higher pay for those with paramedical skills because it devalued the qualifications and abilities of many experienced officers, he Mr Paddy Ashdown, the

Liberal Democrats' leader, also criticized Mr Clarke, calling him "the greatest single impediment" to the resolution of the dispute.

As the dispute intensified. with no sign of fresh talks between the unions and health service management, more police forces and Army units were last night called in to deal with emergency services.
In Strathclyde, local coun-

cillors supported plans for the introduction of an alternative ambulance service in the re-gion, and called on the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities to act similarly. In Kent, police were prepar-ing 21 vehicles to take over emergency ambulance duty,

and more than 100 officers were expecting to deal with as many as 300 emergency calls each day. Surrey was also planning to

use soldiers, from the Royal Army Medical Corps, who will be based at police stations

### SAS defences are breached by grandmother with hedge trimmers

By Craig Seton

The defences of a camp used by the Special Air Services Regiment (SAS), one of the world's most ished anti-terrorist forces, were breached by a grandmother ing garden hedge trimmers, 2 court heard yesterday.

Mrs Sylvia Daveuport, aged 59, used the trimmers to cut out a section of a chain-link fence ling an Army training area at Postriles, Hereford and Worces-

ter, where the SAS practises. Mrs Davesport pleaded guilty at South Herefordshire Magistrates' Court, Hereford, to causing £230 damage to the fence, belonging to the Ministry of Defence. She said: "If I could get through

the fence, so could the IRA. I am sorry. I did apologize to them, but I just had to make the point that security is not what it should be and I hope I have made it." Mrs Davenport's home, the Old

Magistrates' Court, Abbey Dore, is only 100 yards from the perimeter fence of the camp, which is about 10 sailes from the SAS beadquarter at Stirling Lines, near Hereford.

Several years ago, she was part of a successful enumpaign to prevent the SAS from diverting a public feotpath which runs alongside the training base. She once complained that she had been overcome by CS gas used during a military trai exercise at the camp as she and a

friend walked her dogs near by. Mr Aldan McGivers, for the prosecution, said that just after 5pm on October 13 the office of Ministry of Defence police at the Pontrilas camp received a telephone call from Mrs Davenport, who said she had cut through the fence.

Ten minutes later she called again to report that she had cut the hole. Officers who went to investigate for and a 6ft by 11/2ft hole in the fence. While the damage was being

inspected, Mrs Davesport walked through the hole and asked a police officer "what he was going to do

She was arrested and taken to the headquarters of the SAS (motto: Who Dares Wins). She was then taken to Hereford police station where she told officers she had used her bedge trimmers to cut

The magistrates adjourned the case until February 7 for reports

and Mrs Davenport was given hall. Outside court, she said: "I am very worried that security is so poor that somebody will go and blow up the kids while they are drinking in the

The Ministry of Defence said it was not policy to comment on the special forces. "Security measures we do take include armed guards and police dogs and it may be newise for anybody to attempt to do this sort of thing."

#### Yugoslav suffers big chess loss By Raymond Keene Chess Correspondent

Predrag Nikolic, joint leader after the eleventh round of the Grandmasters section of the Foreign and Colonial Chess Tournament was swept away in a miniature game by Artur Yusupov yesterday.

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Yusupov, the Russian, crushed his Yugoslav opponent in 22 moves. It is rare in Grandmaster play to lose with such rapidity while playing

with the white pieces. The key to Yusupov's winwas the sacrifice of a knight on his thirteenth move.

In the other three twelfthround games at Hastings, East Sussex, Sergei Dolmatov, the Russian, drew with Murray Chandler, while Jon Speelman inflicted a heavy defeat on Boris Gulko, another Russian. Michael Adams returned to his best form to win a subtle end game in 37 moves against Kevin Spraggett of Canada. Points: Dolmatov 6½; Ni-

kolic 6; Spraggett, Yusupov. Gulko 51/2; Adams, Speelman. Chandler 5.
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13 Qe3 Nb4
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15 Ke2 Bd2
16 Qg3 Qe4+
17 Be3 Qe54
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CORRECTION The Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed by Mrs Thatcher and Dr Garret FitzGerald, not Mr Charles Hanghey as stated



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Cash for

trip to

Australia

Three winners shared yes-terday's £2,000 Portfolio

Platinum prize.
Mr Roland Eccles, aged
60, of Sale in Cheshire, said

he would put the money towards air tickets for Australia. "Our 27-year-old

daughter, Alison, took a catering job in Sydney last

year," he said. Mr Eccles. 2

retired British Rail engineer,

is ringing master at Manchester Cathedral and

hopes to take part in some

church services during his

The other winners were

Mr Raymond Stanbridge, of Luton, Bedfordshire, and Mr

William Whyte, of Horley, West Sussex. Each receives £666.66.

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Lewisham, should go to an NHS patient from Brighton. Instead it had been given to a private patient at the Wellington Humana Hospital in St Johns Wood, north-west doctors facing charges of serious professional misconduct in relation to payments to donors. The others are Dr Raymond Crockett, a Harley Street kidney specialist, and Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist.

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were specifically against Mr Bewick. They were that on November 19, 1988 he transplanted a cadaver kidney from a NHS patient, Miss A T of Lewisham, into Mrs C T, a private patient; that later that day he knowingly gave false information to Dr David Taube, consultant nephrologist at Dulwich Hospital renal unit; and that on or before that day he misled the tissue typing laboratory at Guys Hospital by asking them to include Mrs C T as an NHS patient awaiting an operation.

Last month Mrs C T was identified as a Greek woman who had received a kidney

in private operation A transplant surgeon was said sion the transplant was under- satisfied that she was a suit-

colleagues at a south London hospital by taking a kidney

intended for a National

Health Service patient and

transplanting it into a patient at a private hospital.

A General Medical Council

disciplinary hearing was told

that Mr Michael Bewick had

agreed that the kidney, from a

Mr Bewick is one of three

The charges heard yesterday

from a Turkish donor, Mrs

Hatice Anutkan. On that occa-

a girl during last year's Hillsborough tragedy and tended others lying injured on the Sheffield pitch, was sen-

rape committed three weeks

Mrs Patricia May, for the

"He was in the thick of it at

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tion," she said.

using NHS kidney

vesterday to have deceived his stood to have failed. ood to have failed. able patient?" "Yes," Dr Yesterday Dr Taube told Taube said. "She was a somethe hearing that on the weekend of the November 18-19, 1988 he exchanged several telephone calls with Mr Bewick in which they discussed the availability of the Lewisham kidney and whether it would be suitable for any of the patients awaiting recently deceased woman in transplants in Dulwich.

what older woman, aged about

53 and unfortunately had lost

a kidney during a previous

transplant operation which

November ever become aware

that Mrs M S had not received

the Lewisham kidney?" Mr Henderson asked. "No."

content if you knew that the

Lewisham kidney would go to

a non-entitled private

Asked by Mr Henderson

when he first became aware

that Mrs M S had not received

the Lewisham kidney, Dr

Taube said he thought it was

on the following Tuesday.
"Did you learn that the

kidney had gone into a non-

entitled private patient at the

Henderson asked "Yes," Dr

felt that in a way I had been

Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC for Dr Crockett, asked if it were the rule that any kidney

recovered from the cadaver of

a NHS patient should first be

made available to another

NHS patient. Dr Taube re-

Mr Roger Bell, QC, for Mr

Bewick, told the hearing that there was no doubt that his

client did transplant the kid-ney from Lewisham into Mrs

T, but he denied any

The hearing continues

A neighbour saw her strug-

gling and heard her screams but when he tried to dial 999,

minutes were lost, Mr

Longden said. Clark stabbed

the girl a second time and she

feared she would be

After the attack, Clark

drove away in the stolen car

but was chased by police who

The court heard that Clark,

twice married with two child-

ren, had convictions as a

invenile for five offences of

indecently assaulting women.

theatre technician, worked for Barking and Havering Health

Authority at the time of his

arrest and was planning to

with deep remorse and this

horrific crime will be on his

conscience for the rest of his

Mrs May said: "He is filled

marry a nurse.

Clark, a former operating

"What was your reaction?" "I was sad and upset because I

Wellington Hospital,"

Taube replied.

olied that it was.

deception.

The judge, Sir James but when he tried to dial 999, Miskin, QC, the Recorder of his call was held up and vital

Clark's sentence because of his eventually stopped and

rape, wounding, driving reck-lessly and stealing a car, and recall anything.

"Would you have been

"Did you on the 19th

had failed."

They had discussed one patient but Mr Bewick then informed him that there were no other suitable patients in Dulwich. However, he had two other cross matches, in other words suitable patients, in Brighton. One was known to the hospital as Mrs MS. Dr Taube said he had been delighted that the operation should go ahead and that Mr Bewick should proceed.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC for the GMC, asked whether it had been agreed that Mrs M S should receive a kidney from the Lewisham donor. "Yes," Dr Taube replied. "Were you



Mr Bewick: Facing charges at GMC hearing

'Hillsborough trauma' blamed

A male nurse who resuscitated ation of why he carried out the tried to wrench it away.

attack it could be his involve-ment at Hillsborough."

This was an appalling crime. A

decent, hard-working young

He said he was reducing

from a party in liford and then pleas of guilty to charges of arrested him. He later claimed

Mr Anthony Longden, for

her and asked for directions,

claiming he was lost. He then

He dragged her across the

road into a garden. Her hands

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tenced to eight years' impris-onment by the Central Criminal Court yesterday for a

Barry Clark, aged 35, from girl had a knife stuck into her liford, east London, twice twice."

He said he was reducing

defence, said that the attack because of his frank confes-

could be attributable only to sion which spared his victim

The attack, which happened the prosecution, told the court

hours before Clark was due to that Clark stole a car from a

choose an engagement ring for woman and, when he saw his his sirifriend, was an "aberra-victim at midnight, stopped

Hillsborough and used his pulled a knife from his waist-medical skills to do what he band and stabbed her.

had the most traumatic effect were cut as she desperately

on him. If there is any explan- grabbed the knife blade and

emotional scars resulting from having to give evidence.

Doctor accused of | Beaming treatment for patient

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Lenny Henry, the comedian, with a young patient at Westminster Children's Hospital yesterday after the launch of a comic strip, Sammy Goes To Hospital, published by the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital, to help children prepare for a stay in hospital. The strip uses colour photographs to explain procedures. Health, page 9

Baby deaths riddle

### Experts investigate mystery illness

Experts investigating the ment's Centre for Applied deaths of six babies in a Microbiological Research at London hospital are worried that they may fail to find a the Public Health Laboratory common factor linking the Service at Colindale, north Service at Colindale, north

The infants died of a pneumonia-like illness in the ruses in eggs, and tests on ntensive care unit of the Brompton Hospital, Fulham, between Christmas and last week-end. They had been suffering from congenital beart defects and five had undergone operations.

The unit and three operating theatres have been closed since the beginning of this week, and paediatric ad-

missions have been cancelled. For the first time, a nationwide team of experts has gathered to work full-time on the investigation. It includes virologists, bacteriologists, toxicologists, government researchers and specialists at teaching

hospitals and universities. Post-mortem samples and hospital equipment such as ventilators, used to support the infants while they were in intensive care, are being analyzed. The investigators are looking for traces of any chemical toxins that may have infiltrated the equipment.

Drugs used to treat the infants are also being tested for contamination. Scientists at the Govern-

A Europe-wide scheme aimed create an information base on at improving the care of people the illness which will help cut with disletes, which afflicts the high cases of blindness, 6.5 million Europeans, was launched in London yesterday

Microbiological Research at

Porton Down, Wilshire, and

London, are also taking part.

guinea pigs are being con-

ducted to try to identify a

causative organism. Results

Some of the most sophis-

ticated medical technology

and computer systems are

being employed to sift every

detail of the circumstances of

each infant's death. "It is like a

may take several weeks.

Experiments on growing vi-

(Nick Nuttall writes). The programme, called Eurodiabeta, brings together physicians, scientists and software engineers from 15 cen-tres under the European Informatics in Medicine Guy's and St Thomas's hos-(AIM) initiative. It aims to pitals in London.

European data base could help diabetics

ective work requiring meticu-

lous attention to detail," Dr

Michael Rigby, consultant

paediatric cardiologist at the

Doctors at the hospital said

yesterday they had been in-

undated with offers of special-

ist help. However, the paedia-

tric intensive care unit and

operating theatres may have

to be reopened before the

answer is found. The hospital

is a leading centre for the treatment of heart and respi-

The chief suspect remains a

rare virus which may have

hospital, said.

ratory disorders.

police investigation, with det- little effect on adults but is

amoutation and premature death among victims. Details of the condition and

each patient's history will be

lethal in babies. Most common viruses and bacteria, including those responsible for the recent influenza epidemic and for outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease, have been eliminated from the

investigation. "We are left with diminishing number of possi-bilities, and it is on the cards that we may never find get an explanation," Dr Harold Gaya, consultant microbiolo-gist and infections control officer at the Brompton Hos-

"It will be a long time before we are prepared to accept that conclusion and I remain hopeful that we will be successful."

Dr Rigby said: "We will all be very uneasy until an answer is reached. Finding the cause will be a great relief because then we can take steps to prevent a repetition. We may never know what happened the illness which will help cut but my hunch is that a rare

virus is responsible." Inquests into the deaths of

two of the babies, Robert Davies, aged eight weeks, born in Maidstone, Kent, and Roxanne Campbell, aged 19 days, born in Carshalton, Surrey, The project is being co-were opened yesterday at ordinated by the United Medi-Westminster Coroner's Court, were opened yesterday at Community's Advanced cal and Dental Schools of west London, and adjourned until January 17. Both infants

plans to use more 'bail tags' By Quentin Cowdry Home Affairs

An extension of the Government's trouble-hit "electronic bail" experiment was announced yesterday to the derision of Labour MPs, penal reformers and probation

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, said the technical viability of the equipment had been proved and the Government now wanted to try the experiment, designed to reduce remands in custody, in a larger area to increase the number of defendants who might be tagged.

However, the project's crit-ics accused ministers of throwing good money after bad in an attempt to revive an experiment which had been a fiasco from the start.

They said the cost of the trial at Nottingham magistrates court, where only 16 people, less than a third of the number aimed at, have been tagged in five months was about £12,000 a person - the cost of keeping someone in prison for more than six

So far only 39 people have been tagged at the three courts conducting the experiment. Of these about half are now in prison having either ab-

sconded or allegedly committed new offences while on bail. Mr Patten's announcement. in a written Commons reply, came as it was revealed that the 180-strong socialist group in the European Parliament,

the biggest party at Strasbourg, has condemned the scheme. A resolution says the trials may have breached the European Convention on Human

Rights and urges the Parliament to conduct a formal investigation. There was scepticism yes-terday at the idea that a switch

to a new court will increase the number of people tagged. Mr Anthony Desburslais,

clerk to Nottingham Justices, pointed out that the 20 Nottingham magistrates' courts were served by the largest lay bench in England and Wales.

Others said the Government's hopes had always been unreasonably high, given its condition that the devices should be fitted only to people who would otherwise be remanded in custody.

In Nottingham tagging has diverted from prison only 16 of the 1,700 people who have been given custodial remands. Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow Home Secretary, said: "We always said tagging would prove a nonsense and an embarrassment. What we want is serious alternatives to

custody, not gimmicks."
The £580,000 Home Office scheme began in Nottingham on August 14 and at the magistrates' courts of Tower Bridge in central London and North Tyneside, near New-

Under the scheme defendants are given bail on the understanding that they adhere to curfews as long as 23 hours a day. If they break the curfew the equipment automatically alerts private security guards.

castle, shortly afterwards.

### Gang flees as Anthony, 13, lashes out

Police yesterday praised the pressing a "panic button". bravery of a boy aged 13 who foiled an armed robbery at his mother's post office by punching one of three raiders in the face, forcing them to flee empty-handed.

Shell is 1 - Shell of the shell is not a shell in the shell is not a shell in the s Anthony Strapp, who was hit over the head with a truncheon and dazed during the attack, was in the rear of the village post office at me and hit me over the head.

Tidbury Green, near Solihull, "I must have been knocked Section Process when the three robbers burst out for a few minutes, because in through the front as his mother. Mrs Linda Strapp, was serving three customers.

FOR THE SERVICE SE FEMALES ES The men wore ski-type masks over their faces. One carried a handgun, and another a truncheon. As they not seriously hurt. He said: "I ordered the customers to lie think the hard rugby training E TO LINE BOOK THE COMMENT on the floor and demanded at school has served me in Asia Sala Adding Printing money from Mrs Strapp, Angood stead, but looking back, I African Adams summer thony raced in from the rear of could have been seriously the post office and tackled one injured. I did not realize they The Post of Control of Park of them, giving his mother had a gun until my mum told time to raise the alarm by me. Surv. Comany rest

Anthony said yesterday: "As soon as I heard the

commotion, I knew something was wrong. I opened the door and a masked man was trying to push his way in. I just began punching him in the face and his mask came away in my hand. I hit him about three times and he turned on "I must have been knocked when I came round. I was

they were of me." Anthony, a pupil at Tudor Grange School, Solihull, was



Mrs Linda Strapp and Anthony, who forced robbers to flee.

### Killer tells of loving words to estranged wife before knifings

Triple-killer Rene Hillebrand He also admitted that when he didn't intend to stab him. He told a jury today that he confronted her on the night of stood up and grabbed me cradled his estranged wife April 7, at the home of her again and pushed me to the Dawn in his arms and told her how much he loved her before stabbing her with a long-

Hillebrand, aged 21, from The Netherlands, had already stabled his English wife's parents to death after failing to persuade her to return with him to Amsterdam.

He told the jury at the Central Criminal Court that his wounded wife was crawling around on the floor talking to him. "I said I felt sorry but I wanted to finish it for her so she did not finish in pain. I had to stab her a few times because she was so strong."

Hillebrand admitted beating Dawn, aged 25, during the six months before she left him.

parents, Mr Alan Sturgeon and his wife Margaret, in Erith, Kent, be was armed with the knife and an imitation handgun. He claimed, however, that he had taken the weapons only to encourage the family to "talk things over".

Hillebrand, who denies triple murder and whose plea of guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility has been rejected by the prosecution, told the court: "Her mother was cross at seeing me. She said: 'What are you doing here?' Mr Sturgeon came running in, grabbed me and pushed me

through the bedroom door. "As he ran at me I pulled

pull him off. All three were at me. My wife bent my fingers back. I just wanted to push them off. I might have stabbed them as well." When Mrs Sturgeon tried to use the telephone, he stabbed

done?"

her and then stabbed all three again because they were moaning with pain. His counsel, Mr Rock Tansy, asked: "Do you feel

floor. We started to fight and

Dawn and her mother tried to

sorry for what you have Hillebrand, who repeatedly

grinned behind a hand while giving his evidence, replied: "It's a bit too late now."

The trial was adjourned

#### out the knife and he ran on it. I until today. Rationing fear in wake of global warming alert A millionaire for half an hour

By Jamie Detimer

Wartime food policies may have to be introduced in Britain if global warming causes dramatic distortions in the nate, the chairman of the Countryside Commission said yesterday.

dangers of global warming to Britain's farms in a speech in London afer receiving Massey-Ferguson's 1989 award for services to agriculture. He claimed there was "a distinct Possibility" that the country's weather

Sir Derek Barber highlighted the

system could change within the next Couple of generations. "The distortions of food production throughout the world could be horrific," said Sir Derek, who was presented with his award by Mr John mer, Minister of Agriculture,

Fisheries and Food. "It could lead to this country having

ization policies last seen in Britain in the Second World War," Sir Derek

Global warming, caused by too much carbon dioxide in the atsphere, is likely to start altering Britain's climate in a marked way within 30 years. "An anticipated warming of three centigrade will have the effect of pushing up the climate 500 miles northwards."

Sir Derek's warning about climatic changes was couched in a general criticism of the move in Britain towards "green" farming. There was, he said, a widespread "naive interest" in green agriculture which could blunt the edge of British farmers' ability to

produce economically. "Care for the farmed landscape and, with it, the dependent wildlife is both an old and new interest to those who

once again to accept food maxim- own and occupy land," he said. Sir Derek said that the shift away from trying to maximize production has happened in only the last 20 years, but he said global warming would force a return to this approach. He also warned against regarding

organic farming, with its relatively low productivity, as a way to cut surplus production

Without the use of farm chemicals to boost yields, "we should all start the slide down a starvation trail", he said. He said that covironmental benefits should be considered in all farming measures and advised that new policies be introduced now to improve the landscape before the need for maximizing food production overwhelmed concern about the

Peterborough Council, Cambridge

shire, is to launch a "green charter" to

"green" issues. The charter, printed on recycled paper and believed to be the first of its kind in Britain, will require council departments to consider the environment when making decisions and implementing policy. Other measures include the dev-

transport, the recognition of the links between the environment and public health, and a ban on the use of CFCs in building materials. An application by a health care to dump thousands of tons of chemical waste in the North Sea has been

elopment of alternative means of

criticized by environmental groups. Fisons wants to renew a licence to dispose of up to 4,000 tons of chemical waste in sealed containers over the next 12 months. The firm says, however, it is unlikely that any waste

will be damped at sea.

#### By David Sapsted For a few moments, a young flow of the short-term securi- have been cashed in or used to

forget about his £2,500 overoutside the Stock Exchange.

"I was a multi-millionaire for half an hour," Mr Martin Ritchie, aged 23, said yesterday after picking up four Certificates of Deposit, each worth £1 million in Throgmorton Street, London.

The bonds had fallen from the briefcase of a messenger who worked for a subsidiary of S G Warburg, the merchant

bankers. According to a Warburg spokesman, they are used to "oil the wheels in the ebb and

draft after finding bonds he waited for a client on the to Mr Ritchie". worth £4 million in the gutter opposite side of the road, immediately contacted the subsidiary company, Rowe and Pitman, to let it know he had the £4 million.

> "They had already been searching for them," he said. "They sounded very relieved I had found them."

When a messenger arrived to collect the precious docu-ments, he handed Mr Ritchie, who lives in Stoke Newington, Laurent-Perrier champagne.

London surveyor was able to ties market". Mr Ritchie, who secure a loan, but said it was saw the pieces of paper fall as still "very happy and grateful The Bank of England said

that, in theory, the Certificates of Deposit could be cashed at banks on their due date. usually three months after issue. "Normally a bank would pay a Certificate of Deposit, but I'm sure they would be on the lost or stolen list very quickly.

"Unless the holder who walked into the bank could demonstrate he was entitled to north London, a magnum of them, then the bank that was being asked to hand the Warburg pointed out last money over would be entitled night that the bonds could not not to pay."

# Call for review of lighting on motorway network dismissed

By Ruth Gledhill

Campaigners called yesterday for a government review of lighting throughout the national motorway network. But the Department of Transport said there were no plans for such a review.

Little more than a quarter of the 1,858 motorway miles in England is lit, and this is unlikely to increase by more than a fraction over the next decade. The Department of Transport is

preparing a plan to light a large proportion of the M25 after a review of the motorway last year.

At present, 45 per cent of the M25 is hit, with a plan under way to extend lighting in some parts. The cost of lighting the rest of the motorway will be about £9 million.

Special lights have been proposed to reduce the environmental impact on people living near by, many of whom objected to lighting at inquiries into the motorway's construction.

According to the National Chamber of Trade (NCT), which first lobbied for improvements in motorway lighting five years ago, the situation has barely improved. Eight motorways have a higher accident rate than the M25.

Mr Bernard Tennant, director general of the NCT, said: "We appreciate that money has to be found, but we are disappointed that more has not been found in all this time. We would

welcome any move to look at the problem and improve the situation." He said particular danger arises when motorists drive through a section which is brightly lit and are then suddenly

plunged into darkness. In an NCT survey last year, 38 out of 41 police authorities said that they supported lighting on all motorways. The Association of Chief Police Officers recommended that lighting

should be extended to all motorways and installed when new stretches were built. Chief Inspector Roger Curtis, chairman of the association's traffic committee, said yesterday. "Motorways are statistically one of the safest road systems of all. But they are far better

with lights to help prevent accidents and crime, and to improve visibility."

Mr John Guttridge, south-east re-gional director of the Freight Transport Association, said one example was the M1. where there could be a case for extra lighting on northern sections.

"I would not argue exclusively for the M25 although it is the most pressing case in the South-east. "If the Government is going to look at lighting on the M25, it would be sensible

to look at a wider canvas," he said. "In an ideal world, every piece of motorway and every trunk road would be lit."

In 1988, 212 people died on motor-ways. Road studies have shown that lighting can help reduce night accidents,

Edmund King, of the British Road Federation, said: "Lighting is a major safety factor particularly at night and in bad visibility.

The Department of Transport said that motorway lighting was "perma-nently under review". It said that there. were plans for a further 80 to 90 miles of lighting in the next five to 10 years.

In exceptional cases, however, lighting will be installed where a strong case is made for a particular section.

The capital cost of installing lighting on unlit motorways would be £155 million, with annual running costs of £10.3 million. · Vauxhall acted swiftly yesterday to

offering a guarantee on conversions to unleaded petrol carried out by its dealer network (Kevin Eason writes).

The company acted after drivers immdated the Automobile Association after reports that switching their cars to unleaded fuel could damage engines.

Engineers said that cars without hardened valve seats could eventually seize up after 5,000 miles unless conversions were properly carried out.

The Motor Agents' Association, which represents 13,000 garages, told motorists last night to have conversions carried out only by authorized dealers or MAAmember garages to ensure that work was

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# NHS 'not checking' that consultants fulfil commitments

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

tants to ensure that they are not abusing their National Health Service contracts by doing too much private work, the National Audit Office said in a report yesterday.

Full-time NHS consultants are not allowed to earn more than 10 per cent of their gross health service salary from private work, but none of the set of accounts to check consultant income. Nor did any of them regularly monitor whether doctors keep to their NHS contracts.

not provide assurance that all consultants are fulfilling their NHS commitments, and may not bring evidence of neglect to light," the report said.

All the authorities visited were adamant that the "great majority" of their consultants were working more than their contracted hours, although they admitted that a small number might be neglecting their commitments.

Three quarters of the districts reported isolated cases of suspected neglect.

The report pointed out that although there is only limited evidence of abuse, the Department of Health and the health authorities have a duty to ensure that consultants' private practice does not conflict with their NHS duties.

It recommended that consultants' contracts should specify fixed NHS commitments, such as a specific number of operating theatre million, under contractual and clinic sessions, attached to recommendation goes slightly further than the Government's NHS reforms, which will give consultants fuller job descriptions and specify the time they devote to the NHS.

The National Audit Office report also said that if the the expand, as part of the NHS reforms, it will increasingly come into conflict with the NHS unless consultant numbers rise. The private sector relies heavily on health service staff, with 85 per cent of NHS consultants doing some private work.

Nearly 50 per cent of consultants work full-time for the service, but they still have 12 health authorities surveyed the right to work in private had ever called for an audited practice in their spare time for as much as 10 per cent of their earnings. A third of consultants have maximum parttime contracts. They are paid 10/11ths of the basic salary, "Current arrangements do and can do as much private to provide assurance that all work as they wish in the rest of

#### Private sector has recruited many nurses from NHS 9

their time. Nine per cent of consultants work part time, earning between Viith and 9/11ths of the basic salary, depending on their commitments.

The report argued that the private sector had recruited many nurses from the NHS while making only a small contribution to the training of medical and nursing staff. The National Audit Office

found that treating patients in the private sector in an attempts to cut NHS waiting lists cost twice as much treating them within the service. In 1987/88, the private sector carried out 30,000 in-patient treatments at a cost of £50 arrangements with the NHS. system to monitor standards of care provided in people's homes should be set up as part of the Government's community care reforms, the National Association of Health

Authorities has said. The White Paper on health

Tougher controls should be private sector continued to reforms proposes that more imposed on hospital consul- expand, as part of the NHS people should be looked after in their own bomes rather than in residential homes, but it outlines monitoring arrangements only for private and local authority care.

The association suggests that local authorities should create a mechanism to to ensure that the quality of services in people's own homes is clearly specified and properly monitored, whether provided by the authorities or by the private or voluntary

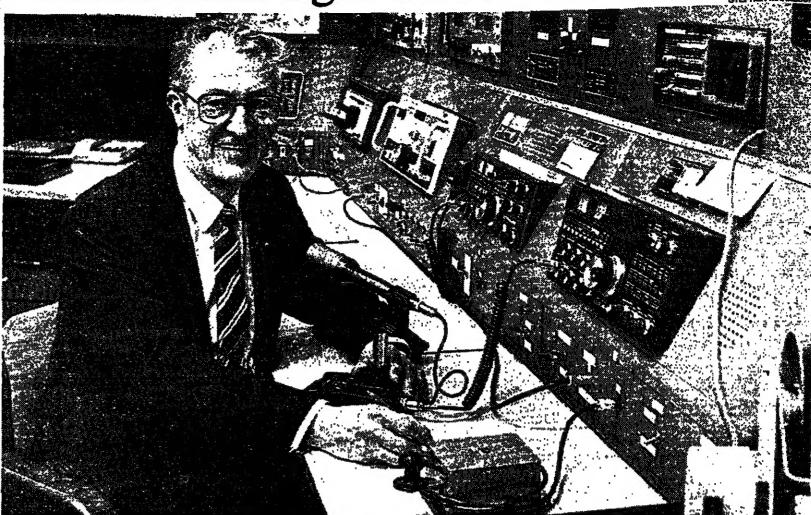
Miss Yvonne Mouncer, the association's assistant director, emphasized that the monitoring should not intrude too overtly in people's homes. She suggested that where possible, a client's relative or carer would become his or her advocate, and could then appeal to an independent individual or group, who would have powers to intervene if

The association also criticizes the Government's decision to award specific community grants only for the mentally ill. "The lack of any guarantee that all the monies made available for care in the community will be used for the purpose is a matter of concern," it says in its response to the White Paper.

 A computer software package to help local authorities tackle child abuse was launched yesterday by Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the health minister. The package, provided free to social services departments in England and Wales, will enable social workers to call up information and own cases with expert research.

Mrs Bottomley said time and again in child abuse cases, the key is that somehow the relevant information is not available in the right place at the right time.

# Radio ham signs off for the last time



Mr Geoff Voller in the Science Museum's high-tech radio station and, below, in 1955 showing children how the museum's first radio station worked.

The world's best known radio ham hangs up his earphones today for the last time after 35 years demonstrating radio communications at the Science Museum in west London.

Mr Geoff Voller set up GB2SM in 1955 to encourage gsers to join the electronics industry. "It worked a treat. Hundreds of kids who watched me have become eminent electronics engineers, including the professor of electronics at Manchester University," Mr Voller said.

The most graphic demonsearly 1970s when the South Atlantic island of Tristan da Cunha was struck by a hurricane and lost its conventional aerials. "My contact there Office and other relevant authorities to get help." GB2SM was also the first to

receive electrocardiograms over long distances, so that records could be sent from Tristan to the Medical Research Council, which urgently needed data, in moments rather than the six months it then took by ship.

Other museums have modelled radio station's on Mr Voller's, and he has kept in regular contact with museums in Stockholm, Oslo, Eindhoven, Ottawa and Chicago,

change a lot since 1955. Techniques which were purely experimental then have become commouplace now, particularly in transmitting radio rigged up a temporary aerial to facsimiles and teletype. It's a make contact with me, and I much smaller world now than was able to contact the Foreign it was then," he said.



#### Girl 'was force fed by nurse'

The head of a home for mentally handicapped children who force fed a teenage resident was struck off the nurses' register yesterday.

Mrs Linda Jones, a qualified nurse, was found guilty of six charges of misconduct by the professional conduct committee of the General Nursing Council in London. A further five charges were found not

Mrs Jones, aged 40, of Marton, Blackpool, who did not attend the hearing, was said to have left a girl, aged 17, screaming hysterically after pulling her head back and holding her nose to make her eat a piece of ham.

Mrs Jones was later dismissed as head of care at the home in Rossall, Blackpool, where she worked between May 1985 and May 1986, the hearing was told.

Mrs Carline Wilkinson, a care assistant who worked with Mrs Jones, who was employed by the Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde health authority, told the hearing that she saw Mrs Jones trying to force the girl, called Tina, to

Mrs Wilkinson said: "Mrs Jones went over to her and held her hand over her nose. pushed her head back and tried to force feed her. Tina was hysterical. She was just screaming and very upset."

Mrs Wilkinson said Mrs Jones had also refused to allow the girl to go to a disco in the city under the care of an assistant from the home.

As a result, the girl had

become upset and wet herself, and had been further "Mrs Jones thought I was too lenient with Tina and that we should be a lot more firm with her. But with Tina it was inappropriate to continue punishment over any length of

time. She simply forgot what

she was being punished for," Mrs Wilkinson said.

Lockerbie investigations

# Police of 5 nations compare notes

five countries yesterday gathered in a country hotel under a mantle of intense security to discuss the progress of the investigation into the bomb-ing of Pan Am Flight 103.

Up to 30 members of the inquiry team took over the Lockerbie House Hotel, barely a mile from the disaster site, in an attempt to piece together what Mr George Esson, the Chief Constable of Dumfries and Galloway Police, has described as a "massive international jigsaw".

They sat around a large table next to a television monitor showing the battered nose cone of the jumbo jet which landed on a hillside at Tundergarth, east of the town. Local people went quietly about their business, largely unaware of the summit taking place down the road.

The conference was attended by police and investigators from Britain, the United States, West Germany, Sweden and Maha. However, no communiqué was issued afterwards and the conference was marked only by the elaborate security measures

Police with tracker dogs patrolled the grounds of the

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

The faulty gene that causes sickle

inherited human blood disorder, has

been transferred to a strain of

genetically engineered mice by a

medical research group in north

According to the World Health

over the past 30 years.

and given three minutes to take pictures.

All representatives of the media had first to gather at the police incident centre in Lockerbie to be given security

There, each person was searched and all photographic and film equipment was electronically scanned before reporters were permitted to travel to the hotel, set in extensive grounds about half a mile from the minor Lockerbie to Boreland road.



Inside the Lockerbie House

followed.

Organization, about 200,000 babies

are born each year with sickle cell

anaemia. Many sufferers die in childhood and few live longer than 40 years. In addition, people with

the disease are more susceptible to

infections. The incidence is highest

among those of African, Spanish,

Greek, Italian, Turkish and Indian

London, have devised a method for

creating the transgenic mouse that is

Senior police officers from 30-room hotel before photog- raphers were scrutinized once authorities to believe they are raphers were brought in by bus again before being allowed on the right trail. Evidence is into the hotel ballroom.

By mid-morning, ironically, the security cordon seemed to have vanished. Reporters were able to drive unhindered up the hotel drive, park next to the fleet of investigators' cars, and startle the policemen on guard.

Lord Fraser, the Lord Advocate and Scotland's senior law officer, was not present at the conference, but a spokesman from his office in Edinburgh said: "Investigative agencies and prosecutors in various countries maintain regular contact. Very positive lines of inquiry are being

Before the conference, Professor Paul Wilkinson, an expert in international terrorism, said he thought that the summit was taking place against a "more promising background than a few months ago", and said he believed there had been breakthroughs offering a real prospect of success in finding the bombers.

Professor Wilkinson, said on Radio Solway, the local beginning to accumulate."

The summit indicated that the authorities felt they had enough evidence to stand up in a court, he added. Police have now made inquiries in 52 countries in their

search for the killers of the 270 people, including 11 Lockerbie townspeople. There was speculation that much of the conference would centre on Mohammed Ahn Talb, aged 35, who is beginning a life sentence in Sweden

for his part in terrorist attacks in Copenhagen and Amster-dam in 1985. Talb, who has protested his innocence of any involvement in the Lockerbie bombing, has been interrogated by Scottish police. Earlier this week, he lodged an appeal against his

However, police have also named the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine -General Command as one group that may be involved.

The group's leader, Ahmed Jibril, denies involvement and has challenged Western intelon Radio Solway, the local ligence agencies to prove that BBC station: "There has been the PFLP-GC was behind the Professor Wilkinson: Pros- a gradual increase in intelli- outrage on December 21,

New concert hall

### Hallé to be based in £100m centre

By Rouald Faux

A new home for the Hallé provide a massive boost to the Orchestra within a £100 million leisure and commercial development in the centre of Manchester was announced vesterday.

A concert hall in glass and steel, designed to be among the most impressive in Europe, will become the base for England's oldest professional orchestra in 1993. The move will end a 132-year association with the Free Trade Hall whose site will be used for a commercial development behind the old fa-

The design for the 2,500seat hall and surrounding Great Bridgewater development, on a five-acre site next to the G-MEX Centre has come from Beazer Projects Ltd. The choice was made from 20 submissions from national and international developers.

Financial support for the scheme comes from the city, and the Central Manchester Development Corporation.

Mr Graham Stringer, leader of Manchester City Council, said the scheme would change

the shape of the city and

cultural and economic pros-

pects of Manchester and the

north-west region. The development would extend to the canal basin near by and have an art gallery, a design museum, photographic gallery and a range of cafes, shops and public performance areas. The commercial development within the complex is to provide up to 2,000 jobs in 80,000 square feet of new office space.

Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, chairman of the Hallé Concert Society, welcomed the outline plans. He said the Hallé intended to remain a great international orchestra.

"Here is a chance to have a concert hall designed and constructed to the highest standards architecturally and acoustically. At this stage the prospects for the future look excellent," he said.

A start on the concert hall site will be made in October with the target completion date of late 1993.

The design and construction period for the three sites in the scheme will run from spring 1990 to spring 1994.

#### 30,500 being caught in the four months to the end of December, 26 per cent up on the same period in 1988. Family charge Albert and Ivy Williams, aged 73 and 69, of Mangotsfield,

Attempt to

name boy

may widen

Police in Cumbria have not

ruled out the possibility of a nation-wide check on all boys

aged one to three in their efforts to identify the naked,

burned and mutilated body of

an infant found last month

abandoned on a rubbish tip at

Millom (Ronald Faux writes).

briefed at police headquarters

in Penrith before beginning

the operation to check on all

If their house to house

inquiry fails to produce any

clue to the child's identity,

other forces may be brought

into the investigation.

Appeal date

An appeal by the teens

mother Tracey Scott against a

six-month youth custody sent-ence passed last week by Judge

Pickles is to be heard by the

IV crackdown

A Post Office crack down on TV licence dodgers resulted in

Court of Appeal on Monday.

male infants in the county.

Yesterday 50 officers were

ar Bristol, and their sons, John and Francis, appeared before Bristol magistrates yesterday charged with conspiracy to commit burglaries. The case was adjourned.

#### Libel win

Mr Barney Eastwood, the boxing manager, was awarded £100,000 damages in settlement of a libel action against the News of the World at the High Court in Belfast.

#### Resort backed The entrepreneur Mr Peter de

Savary has been given the go-ahead by Penwith Council for. his £200-million plan to turn the fishing port of Hayle, Cornwall, into an all-year holiday resort.

Scientists hope that a study of the In the latest research aimed at blood vessels and prevent life-giving mice will indicate a new approach to improving treatment, a team workoxygen reaching needy tissues. If two carriers have a child, the treatment of the disease, in a ing with Dr Frank Grosveld, of the As blocked arteries starve for however, there is a 25 per cent chance he or she will inherit two field of research that has had more National Institute for Medical Reoxygen, more and more blood cells than its share of disappointments search, at Mill Hill, north-west

the characteristic deformity of the molecule of haemoglobin, which takes on a sickle shape instead of a smooth pillow-shape. But the mice do not suffer the same sort of anaemia, in which the sickle-shaped blood cells jam up in the narrow

described in today's issue of

The blood cells of the mice have

become sickle-shaped, enlarging the region of pain. Most crises eventually abate on their own, as the

Mice gene may offer clue in fight against sickle cell anaemia sickled cells break down and blood flow improves, bringing new oxygen. The illness can be alleviated to some extent by treatment with new

> The cells of about 8 per cent of the most susceptible populations carry one copy of the abnormal haemoglobin gene along with one normal version. They are said to be carriers and to have "sickle cell trait".

abnormal genes and, thus, have the disease. In addition to its significance as a cause of human suffering.

historic position in the rise of research in molecular biology and

In 1958, sickle cell's abnormal haemoglobin became the first protein whose altered function could be traced to a specific change in the amino acids making up its structure and thus to a specific change in the gene that governed the creation of the haemoglobin.

The story of sickle cell anaemia, it has turned out, is the story of genes and how the genetic code controls the life not only of the red blood cell but of every other cell as well.

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Times interview with Foreign Secretary

# Hurd insists forced repatriation of boat people must go on

By George Brock and Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

are to be sent back to Vietnam against their will, the Foreign Secretary told The Times, at the same time reaffirming his intention to move "further and faster" on democracy in

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> disclose his plans during a visit to Hong Kong this weekend, he said, although he acknowledged that this decision would disappoint hopes in the colony and that he would be accused of "kowtow-

> He said Britain's aim was to achieve lasting continuity in local constitutional arrangements despite the transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong to China in 1997.

> The repatriation of 51 Vietnamese in December was not a once-only event, he said in the interview. "We have shown them (countries which object to the scheme) that this is not a pretence, and we are ready to take difficult dewe are going to need to go on doing that. Of course it's not

Among those who have said. strongly criticized the scheme Washington and the United Nations High Com-Mr Hurd said, he had discussed the matter with Senor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, and Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and had found more understanding than he expected. Any signs of a changed attitude, however,

emained tentative.

The delay in resuming the compulsory repatriation of Vietnamese has prompted speculation that Britain may be waiting for a meeting of the steering committee of the International Conference on Indochina Refugees in Geneva next Thursday, at which Foreign Office officials will min seek acceptance of the scheme and try to persuade the UN High Commissioner

Mr Hurd insisted, however, that Britain had not deliberately held back a decision until the Geneva meeting. He about the date when compulsory repatriations would but it would not be before his arrival in Hong Kong on Saturday.

compulsory repatriation in a statement to the Conservative Mr Hard: "Repatriation is and then do it". backbench foreign affairs

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More Vietnamese boat people committee yesterday. "I be- hostility over the British Gov lieve that the repatriation of refugees is the only realistic course available," he said.

ernment's plan to give 55,000

heads of household the right

to live in Britain with their

families. Whitehall is not

expecting a repeat of the large

demonstrations which greeted

islative Council will press him

to improve the package, which

smaller than some had

The scheme also faces continuing opposition from Con-

servative backbenchers. Mr

Hurd told the foreign affairs committee: "We have to per-

suade Parliament that the

scheme strikes a fair balance

between our duty to Hong

Kong and our duty to maintain effective controls on

Mr Hurd will arrive in Hong Kong just after Sir David Wilson, the Governor,

returns from an important

that the concept of "one

country, two systems", the

basis of the Sino-British Joint

Declaration, was in their

Asked if it were still realis-

a defensive and critical

tic, he said: "I don't know of

any other. They certainly are

mood, but at the same time

they do hold to that concept."

Mr Hurd confirmed that he

would not be announcing

proposals for greater democ-

racy during his visit and said

his aim was to achieve con-

tinuity in the constitutional

ing what's called the through-

train, in having arrangements in force from 1995 which the

Chinese will accept and re-

"It may not be possible

but it's worth just seeing if we

can achieve some kind of

continuity; but that's very much the first prize."

would be accused of "kowtow-

the Government if there were

a lack of continuity. "We will

clearly go faster (towards

democracy) than was originally envisaged," he said.

In his statement to the

backbenchers, he added: "We

are certainly not out to pick

unnecessary fights with China

... nor is it acceptable simply

to find out what China wants

He acknowledged that he

ne people would criticize

spect," he said.

There is advantage in hav-

Mr Hurd said Britain was trying to persuade the Chinese

visit to China.

Members of both the Exec utive Council and and Leg-

Sir Geoffrey on his visit.

Mr Hurd has been under pressure from Hong Kong's Legislative Council to announce proposals for more of its seats to be directly elected in the last two elections under British rule, in 1991 and 1995. Sir Geoffrey Howe undertook to review the arrangements six Foreign Secretary, but Mr Hurd said he was not ready.

He hinted that Britain would wait for a short time, possibly a few weeks, before making an announcement. By then the Foreign Office will know the contents of the final draft of the Basic Law, which depends on a committee meeting to be held in Peking next

While reaffirming the inter tion to go "further and faster" on democracy, Mr Hurd hoped the changes would be ready to take difficult de-cisions... so far as I can see cept and respect". "There is no actual crying need to take that decision now; it has to be taken reasonably soon," he

> He emphasized, however, that decisions about democratization were for Britain, not China, and did not rule out the cisions if it should prove impossible to reach agreement with Peking. "It's our decision; it's not going to be a joint decision," he said.

Having said that Britain could "walk a tightrope" while Chinese attitudes resive", he hinted that Britain's strategy rested on hopes that the mood in Peking would improve before 1997.

Mr Hurd will probably face



### Cult family attempt to delay murder trial

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The Lundgren family from Ohio appearing in chains in a court in San Diego after their arrest on charges of the cult murders of five members of the Avery family. The Lundgrens, from right, Jeffrey, his son Damon, and wife Alice, are opposing extradition, which could delay their return to Ohio for trial.

#### Right-wing disarray

## Chirac threatened by party disaffection

It is a problem they have in

common with practically ev-

were in serious danger of scoring an own goal in the popularity ratings, with their blic squabbling over who is the fairest of them all, the principal right-wing opposition party has gone one better with a surprise move which could split it wide open.

The Rassemblement pour la République (RPR), the party of M Jacques Chirac, the former Prime Minister, is falling apart under him. The main moan among militantes" is that he has failed to recover from the humiliating presidential election defeat inflicted on him by M Mitterrand in 1988.

Extraordinarily, the odd couple who have told M Chirac to stay out of it while they roll up their sleeves and try to revive the flagging RPR are two senior men who have

M Charles Pasqua, the former hardline Interior Minister and darling of the party's right-wing, who has even flirted with the National Front, has little in common with M Philippe Séguin, the

The Socialists can breathe a caring former Social Affairs sigh of relief. Just when they and Employment Minister

> These two have nevertheless put out a joint statement declaring that the RPR "has never regained confidence in itself since its election defeat and therefore never been further from regaining that of the French people". This, they say, is because the party

producing districts of Bordeaux and Charentes

which, if not stamped out, could severely affect

the quality of some of France's favourite wines

and cognacs (Sosan MacDonald writes). It

comes in the form of a fungus, which implants itself inside the trunk and branches of the

As every wine lover knows, the older the vines the finer the quality of wine produced. In

reverent about the number of vines over 100

years old. The destruction of old plants

But that is what producers are having to do,

because the disease, named entypiose, kills the plant when it begins to reach it quality years —

about 15 to 25 years after planting. It was first

producing fine wine is for them a crime.

y political party in France. There is a growing lack of enthusiasm for the Socialists.

M Michel Rocard, the Socialist Prime Minister, runs the country on what some see as a day-to-day basis. The Socialist Party is busy

dividing itself between the

Threat to best French vines

and now have to persuade plan to launch their campaign others that it is they who for new RPR thinking at next which is not officially for this lying down. another five years.

The Communists have similar problems to their counterparts in the Eastern

potentially catastrophic proportions after the rainy season in 1988. In the Charentes region

of western France, around one third of the

The powerful French wine industry has beld

Bordeaux abour 40 per cent.

bloc. With a growing number of dissenters, they have to work out how to get rid of M four or five men who have Georges Marchais, their old-

right-wing parties to present a united opposition front. Instead, further divisions could be in store. The only happy man yesterday ap-peared to be M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leadет. He said: "The Communists, the Socialists, the centre right and the right are disintegrating. The only party capable of responding to French people's needs is the

Messrs Pasqua and Séguin

everyone who is anyone in the

party will have taken sides.

French public opinion has

informed the pollsters it

would like the three or four

top-level research meetings to seek ways of fighting the disease. One of the chief difficulties of detecting diseased plants is that National Front. ● MADRID: Right-wing Mine Bernadette Dubos, an expert with the Le Pen, met here yesterday to National Institute of Agronomic Research review developments in East-involved in the talks, said a solution may have em Europe and the Middle been found in the past two weeks. A new fungicide product, Atemicep, developed by Parliament's next session, Sandoz Laboratories, now appears to be effective in killing the entypiose fungus.

(Reuter reports).

## Peking hardliners get top Hong Kong posts

China's two top men in Hong ambassador to West Germany Declaration that the socialist Kong are to be replaced by and has a reputation as a system and socialist policies hardliners with little sym- doctrinaire hardliner. pathy for the democratic

aspirations of the territory. Mr Xu Jiatun, the veteran director of the New China News Agency and China's aged 74, has acquired a reputambassador here will retire later this month, marking the friend of Hong Kong.
Chinese New Year with a When Mr Zhou Nan takes Chinese New Year with a farewell to seven years in over he will be heading not

Foreign Minister. He is known as an uncompromising negotiator with long experience of dealing with Britain.

Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong's future, and may adopt a more confrontational style.

Mr Ke Zaishuo, the leader Hong Kong people. of the Chinese delegation to the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group supervising Hong pro-China activists and trade Kong's handover, is due to unions. This summer it retire at the end of February. Mr Ke, aged 65, who last October led the Chinese team The heart of the same arrival is the same arri to London for the group's first, acrimonious, meeting after China's crackdown on the Commons select committee, a democracy movement, will be group of Hong Kong liberals Family char replaced by Mr Guo Fengmin. wrote: "We consider that the director of the influential munist Party in Hong Kong

It is the departure of Mr Xu from the New China News Agency that will have the most immediate impact. Mr Xu, ation as a relative liberal and a

Hong Kong.

Bringing in the Year of the Horse in the post will be Mr Zhou Nan, China's Deputy

Over the will be dealing hot just a news agency, but a huge bureaucracy of mainland cadres devoted to increasing Chinese control in the territory. It is the most open manifestation of the presence of the technically illegal Chinese Communist Party in the terri-He helped draft the 1984 tory, and is regarded as the ino-British Joint Declaration official voice of China. It controls all consular affairs and is believed to have com-

prehensive files on many The agency has long been known to have close links with showed its hand by sacking the editor of a pro-Peking newspaper who dared to speak out against the June massacre.

In a submission to a visiting Mr Guo, aged 59, is a presence of the Chinese Com-Hong Kong and Macau Af- now and after 1997 is a breach fairs Office as well as a former of the promise in the Joint for better medical care.

will not be practised in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

"The Chinese Communist Party in Hong Kong should be dismantled and the New China News Agency should wind down its operations."

Observers say Mr Zhou is no more likely to heed that advice than his predecessor. ● Vietnamese return: A group of 123 Vietnamese boat

people returned to Hanoi from Hong Kong yesteray under the United Nations sponsored "voluntary repatriation" scheme. The group, which left on a special flight, brings to nearly

1,000 the number of Vietnamese to have returned voluntarily. Another 1,200 are waiting to leave.

Meanwhile, a group of women human rights activists, led by Liv Ullmann, the actress and United Nations Childrens Fund ambassador-at-large, and Ms Pat Derian, a former US Assistant Secretary of State, called for a moratorium of "at least a year" in compulsory deportations to Vietnam. They said conditions in Hong Kong's Vietnamese detention camps were "appalling" and called

### Mandela release could prompt Thatcher visit

vines, gradually killing them.

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

Mrs Thatcher may visit South Britain believes that he in-Africa later this year after the release of Nelson Mandela, leader of the banned African National Congress, who is to be making a genuine effort expected by the British Gov- to find black representatives ernment to be freed early next month.

A senior government source said vesterday that the Prime Minister wanted to go to South Africa and that it was "quite possible" she would do so this year. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, may make a preliminary visit.

The timing of Mrs Thatcher's visit would depend on Pretoria taking further steps, because she would want it to take place in the context of continuing progress towards a solution to South Africa's problems.

It was important that it should not merely serve as a "pat on the back" to Pretoria over Mandela, but should help "It will not be a case of

to point the way forward. Mandela out, Thatcher in," the source added. It is thought that she will want the signs of progress to be strong enough to warrant using British influence to secure wider international recognition of the changes President de Klerk has brought about.

There is still scepticism in many countries about his Mrs Mandela: Expects her July with Mr P. W. Botha, Mr longer-term intentions.

tends taking further steps and that Mandela's release will not be an isolated event. He is felt

prepared to negotiate. Most black leaders have called for the release of Mandela and all other political prisoners, the un-banning of the ANC, and the repeal of the remaining apartheid laws as a condition for

direct talks. It is not yet clear whether Mr de Klerk will move that far. Pretoria, for its part, has said the ANC may enter negotiations only if it renounces violence, which it has

The source said Mr de Klerk



was not prepared to hand over right away. He was trying to bring about measured change and to prevent serious problems in South Africa from getting out of hand.

South African state-run radio said yesterday: "It is only a matter of time before Mr Mandela's release is announced."

A daily commentary reflecting government policy said he would be freed on humanitarian grounds and because he could help create conditions

for political negotiations. Mrs Winnie Mandela, his wife, said on Monday he expected to be freed within weeks after more than a quarter of a century in prison for trying to overthrow white minority rule. The developments followed months of

speculation. While there has been no official confirmation that Mandela will be freed, government sources have said his release might be announced in late January or at the opening of Parliament in early

The radio said the move had been expected since Mandela expressed support for peaceful development in South Africa after a meeting in

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### Khmer Rouge in battle for city

Bangkok - After denying that Khmer Rouge forces had attacked the city of Battambang in western Cambodia, Defence Ministry officials in Phnom Penh yesterday admitted that an assault on the country's second largest city had begun (Neil Kelly writes).

The Khmer Rouge announced last on Sunday that it had launched its offensive two days earlier. The Cambodian Government statement said up to 200 guerrillas had launched a four-pronged assault on the city suburbs, had gained no ground but suffered heavy casualties. The Khmer Rouge said it had gained control of the city for several hours.

### Korea borders offer

Seoul - President Roh of South Korea proposed open borders between North and South Korea yesterday and announced he would reduce military exercises (John Gittelsohn writes). He said: "Gone are the days when North Korea was our rival. Our people will be able to achieve our long-cherished goal of building a democratic, unified, prosperous and advanced nation before this century is out." Mr Roh said he welcomed the new year proposal by North Korea President II Sung to open the borders, "even though hard-to-understand preconditions were attached to it". Mr Kim had demanded that South Korea tear down a concrete wall on its side of the demilitarized zone. South Korea denies the wall exists.

#### Two triplets are twins

Le Mans (AFP) - A woman pregnant with test-tube triplets has caused havoc among French bureaucrats trying to register the babies who were born naturally - but 11 days apart, it was disclosed here yesterday. The phenomenon occurred when Mme Raymonde Pommier, aged 37, who was treated for sterility for 10 years, went into a maternity clinic in this western city on November 5. A son, Damien, was born prematurely, weighing 1.5lb, but labour suddenly stopped and did not start again until November 16, when Guillaume and Alexandre were born. All three are doing well, but perplexed officials have registered the infants as twin boys with an older brother.

### Bhutto hints at poll

Karachi - Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, facing a threat of mass agitation against her beleaguered Government from opposition parties, has hinted that she may call a mid-term election (Zahid Hussain writes). Miss Bhutto, who completed a year in power last month, told the BBC that although she did not favour midterm polls she was not afraid of going to the people for a fresh mandate.

### War stragglers emerge

Ban Hat Yai, Thailand (Reuter) - Two Japanese Second World War stragglers, now in their seventies, were plucked from their Thai jungle hideout by helicopter yesterday for an emotional reunion with relatives after 45 years in the wilderness. Mr Shigeyuki Hashimoto and Mr Kiyoaki Tanaka were taken to a military hospital for check-ups when they arrived in this southern Thai town after a one-hour flight from Yala province bordering Malaysia.

#### Last stand on the kitchen front by Spain's macho men claim a radical change is already as a modern, responsible father and

has never broken a plate in his life.

Of course. Because like most men,

From Juan Carlos Gumucio Madrid

Editable Editable After nearly a decade of sweeping social change, Spain is fighting a harsh battle over the last bastion of machismo - the Spanish household. Armed with a controversial 25second television spot, Señor Felipe González, the Socialist Prime Minister, wants to make men get off the couch and start doing the dishes.

TOL When Predictably, the attempt has provoked heated debate in a country where many men boast they have never ironed a shirt or snopped a floor. Wessen government officials

under way, but the stereotype is a model citizen. "Furthermore, he fighting back with a vengeance. The campaign is a response to statistics showing that six out of 10

men never do domestic chores. A recent study by the government's Institute for Women established that those who do share the housework spend only two hours and 45 minutes on it a week, while their wives or live-in girlfriends spend at least six hours. The television campaign is a

their sleeves and start helping out.

when he gets home, he does nothing." The smile abruptly disappears and a plate smashes to pieces on the floor. "Smash mequality," urges the announcer, inviting men to roll up

"It is a hint that we hope will spark a revolution," says Schora Carmen Martinez Ten, the energetic clever approach to the problem: it shows a smiling Spanish yappie while a male voice praises his virtues director of the institute. "Important changes are taking place for women in the public world, such as in jobs

and political rights, but attitudes at he says, is just a fad and a real home remain archaic." change remains unthinkable. "Men home remain archaic." However, diehard macho Span-

iards are vowing to keep tradition alive and access Senora Martínez Ten of violation of privacy and sub-"Feminists already got what they

wanted - more jobs and governmen posts, Señor Javier Altamirano, a mber, aged 45, says. "My wife's job is at home. Why should Sedora Martinez Ten want to try to change life in my household?" Schor Fernando de Mignel, a prominent Spanish sociologist, takes it more calmly. The campaign,

consider it a joke, a waste of goverment money," he says. "Curiously, women are adopting a pater-nalistic attitude and that, by their own definition, is a form of machismo." According to Senor Francisco

Umbral, a best-selling writer and newspaper columnist, "men in aproas inevitably provoke giggles. But this may change simply because cooking is in fashion. Pius, it has been demonstrated that the best way to get a girl to your bedroom is by inviting her to your kitchen."

# Secret revival of security agency alarms Germans

The bitter political row over party's leader who is also East over the Government's at-government plans to restore a Germany's acting head of tempt to establish an Office limited state security service state, agreed to resign the for the Protection of the in East Germany took a fresh twist yesterday when it was after pressure from the rank claimed that such an office and file. He had been had already been covertly re- criticized for his long co- government-opposition talks

An East German newspa Der Morgen, the organ of the Liberal Democratic party printed a facsimile of an envelope bearing the sender's details: "GDR Council of Ministers - Office for the Protection of the Constitu-

The sender's address was that of the former Office of National Security in the Lichtenberg district of East

A spokesman for the East

German Government later confirmed that an Office for the Protection of the Constitution was already being set up although he denied it was functioning. The spokesman could not say whether employees of the new office used to work for the Ministry of State Security. The Liberal Democratic Party, one of the main props of the communistled coalition government, declared on Tuesday night that it ruling alliance.

Herr Manfred Gerlach, the

party leadership yesterday operation with the previous on Monday.

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The declaration also re-Government, in which Herr Hans Modrow is Prime Minister, was intending to restore undemocratic structures and said: "The old music is now being played again by a recast orchestra." Disagreement such an office would enable

Constitution before the May election was a key reason behind postponement of the

The leading opposition group New Forum has said it flected complaints that the will quit the talks for good if such an office is set up but the Government insists one is necessary to contain the activities of extreme right-wing

#### Honecker surgery East Berlin (Reuter) - Herr Erich Honecker, the disgraced former East German leader, had a successful operation to

remove a tumour from his right kidney yesterday, the official

ADN news agency said.

"The patient is in good condition, considering the circumstances," the report said, adding that the operation had taken place at East Berlio's Charite Hospital. The agency reported on Monday that Herr Honecker was suffering from kidney cancer. Herr Honecker was first taken ill during a meeting of the

Soviet bloc economic grouping, Comecon, in Bucharest last July. He was rushed back to East Berlin and rumours quickly

spread that he was seriously ill.

Herr Honecker, aged 77, was toppled by mass demonstrations on October 18 after running the country for more than 17
years. He is being investigated on suspicion of abuse of power
and could be arrested when he recovers.

the hated Stasi secret police to make a discreet comeback. The Christian Democratic

Party has also said that it is thinking of leaving the governing coalition if the communists do not ruling Socialist Unity (communist) Party does not act more democratically. Der Morgen quotes Herr Peter Koch, the government official charged with dissolving the existing Office of National Security, as saying that it would be "fool-ish to dissolve something completely just to set it up anew". Comments such as this suggest that the Government is seemingly prepared to forgo democracy in order to avoid such "foolishness".

· BONN: The recent disarmament initiative by Herr Gregor Gysi, the East German communist party leader, took not only the West by surprise, it also stunned Admiral Theodor Hoffman, his own Defence Minister (Reuter Admiral Hoffman told the

weekly Stern magazine that Herr Gysi's proposal for halving troop numbers in East and West Germany by next year and calling for all foreign troops to leave German soil by 1999 left him "just as surprised as everyone else."

# Lithuanian gift to Kremlin chief



Mr Vadim Medvedev, the Krentlin's ideology chief (centre), receiving traditional hospitality at a farm near Vilnius yesterday.

# Kohl fears new Berlin exodus as communists argue over reform

From Ian Murray, Boan

The Bonn Government is increasingly worried about the way the political debate in East Germany is developing, Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, admitted here yesterday.

If reforms did not rapidly bring improvements to living standards there he feared that the mass exodus of its citizens to the West would accelerate beyond the present rate of almost 2,000 a day. To try to prevent that he said he would continue negotiations for a cooperation treaty and would, as promised, meet Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister, at the beginning of next month.

He told his traditional new-year press conference that the arguments between the communist-dominated transitional Government and the opposition groups over access to the media ahead of the promised free elections on May 6 "fills us with growing concern".

The draft East German election law, published last weekend, seeks to stop all

foreign financial aid to political parties a measure aimed specifically at preventing West German involvement. At the same time the communists are known to be making use of their dominance in the coalition government to hold office space, printing facilities and media time for the election campaign.

The Chancellor said yesterday that this was wrong. "The process of democratization with the goal of free elections in East Germany must now be continued without transparent manoeuvres and without hindrance," he said. This meant that the new election law

must be approved by the opposition. The opposition had to be given an equal chance in the election — "that means, for example, the unrestricted presence of the opposition on television, radio and in the newspapers of East Germany".

The Chancellor was also critical of the way in which the East German communists were trying to recreate the Stasi, the hated state security police, who were supposed to be disbanding. Keeping such a force was contrary to the interests and hopes of the East Germans, he said.

As far as future economic co-operation, the Chancellor showed he was also concerned at the slowness of the East Berlin Government in opening the way for Western investment, through making a free market economy possible.

For these reasons he was determined to go shead with his meeting with Herr Modrow at the beginning of next month. That would give a good opportunity to talk about the problems. If he failed to talk even more East Germans would decide to leave their country.

The Interior Ministry yesterday released figures showing that 14,226 East Germans had decided to move to the West in the first eight days of this year. This rate, approaching 1,800 a day, has been constant since before Christmas and is evidence that Chancellor Kohl's fears are justified. Should the communists succeed in dominating the elections there is strong reason to believe the disappointed East Germans will flood across the border in much greater

Although he understands the need for rapid improvements in East German living standards, Chancellor Kohl seems unlikely to sign the formal co-operation treaty between the two countries until after the elections. Delaying until then would both deny Herr Modrow preelection publicity and credit for negotiating the treaty and at the same time exert extra pressure on the communists to see that the elections are as fair as possible.

Recent polls, both by West and East research organizations, suggest that the East German communists are beginning to recover credibility after their purge of the top leadership. The most recent poll prepared by the East German Academy of Social Sciences shows they have 34 per cent support, with the local Christian Democratic Party next with just 7.9 per cent and New Forum scoring just 5.8 per cent. These results do not seem to tally with the popular support at demonstrations for reunification, but as yet this is

an idea which is rejected by virtually all the parties.

The Academy is communist-orientated, but whether the figures have been massaged or not they show that the party, which has considerable experience in such matters, is controlling preelection publicity to its advantage. The opposition parties are newcomers to the political scene, with unclear platforms and little or no real party organization to compete with the communist machine. Herr Modrow has admitted that the party is unlikely to win an overall majority in the election, but at present the communists appear on course to be the dominant party in a coalition.

The improving position of the communists means that his meeting with Herr Modrow is causing trouble inside Chancellor Kohl's Government.

Count Otto Lambedorff, chairman of the Free Democrats, the junior coalition partners, wants it cancelled on the grounds this would give publicity to the leading communist candidate. Frau Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen, the Free Democrats' general secretary, has also complained about the way the communists appear to be trying to manipulate the election. She has called on them to observe the ground rules of democracy and told them that they have "no pre-emptive right to government

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To offset communist control of the media Herr Norbert Blüm, the Christian Democratic Labour Minister, has suggested that the East German opposition groups should be given time on West German television and radio, which have large audiences in East Germany.

Herr Modrow is, nevertheless, still seen individually as a sincere reformer and credible leader by West German politicisms. Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the opposition Social Democrat leader, has decided to meet him next weekend in East Berlin, despite some criticism from within his own party at giving the importance of the communist's leading candidate a further boost in this way.

# Criticism grows of new Romania regime Economic hangover after

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest Amid rising discontent among Romanian dissident. "All of equipment needed for elec- be keen to cover up the extent posts under Ceausescu's Comstudents, old-style dissidents us were initially Communists

and aspiring politicians, Romanian's ruling National Salvation Front has announced that a new draft electoral law will be published next week after a national day of mourning for the revolu-tion's victims declared for Friday.

The failure of the 145
were the very lew who had the courage to oppose Ceausescu's dictatorship," he said. "Let the other political parties show as good credentials."

member front to distance itself sufficiently from the old Communist regime combined with its enthusiasm to play a central political role have led to increasing criticism as the seven registered political parties jockey for power. Much of the criticism cen-

being played by the Army in the running of the country and the front's determination to press ahead with elections as early as April, with its own candidates taking part.

Yesterday Mr Silviu Bruformer ambassador to the US and UN under Ceausescu, sought to allay public fears and responded to criticisms of the Communists made on The peasants party, like Monday by Mrs Doina Corother nascent parties, points Mr Bracan: Trying to quell nea, aged 60, the leading to the lack of elementary fears about new government.

- some were even leading members of the party — but they are now in the position of leaders not because they were Communists but because they were the very few who had the Mr Valentin Gabrielescu, a

spokesman for the revived National Peasants Party, one of the better-organized groups, led the attack on the post-revolutionary rulers with the threat that his party — whose roots stretch back to the 1920s - would abstain from the poll unless the front agreed to postpone it until later in the In an interview which re-

flected the rapid dissipation of the post-revolutionary euphoria, Mr Gabrielescu said: "We are very discontented and have already made an official protest to the National Salvation Front. We deeply doubt their stated intention to hold free and fair elections."

oly on the main levers of power, especially the single Romanian television channel. Mr Gabrielescu was scath-

ing about the front's decision to use military tribunals to try members of the security forces, notably the hated Securitate secret police, who oppose the revolution. He shares a belief with other critics of the interim admin-



tioneering such as stationery, of its own early involvement telephones, desks and photo- in firing on unarmed demcopiers. Its leaders allege that oustrators, before it changed the front maintains a monop-sides to back them.

> man claimed that the trials should have been staged in front of civilian courts to enable the public to partake, rather than having to watch selected proceedings which are now being shown on Romanian television.

Referring to the front's controversial decision to stand in the election of which it is supposed, in the absence of other competent bodies, to be an impartial arbiter, Mr Gabrielescu said: "What can you understand from their decision to take part? How can you take part if you are not a political party? In our opinion, the election will be a disaster if it is held in April."

The peasants party, which is fighting on a traditionalist and conservative programme, yes-terday published its platform, which includes the reintroduction of a market economy and the restoration of property to the peasants. It said membership was open to all except Throw away your (party) those who held senior official cards."

munist dictatorship. More controversial is the

platform of the National Liberal Party, another pol-itical revival from Romania's democratic past. Its leadership has already called for the return of the exiled King Michael, who abdicated from the throne at pistol-point in 1947 and now lives in Geneva. It has also called for the abolition of the Romanian Communist Party.

The front has said that the King is welcome to return as an ordinary citizen but there has been no indication if he is willing to take up this offer.

Popular hatred for Communism is evident in many of the hundreds of slogans daubed on walls and windows in Bucharest. One of the largest, in red letters more than 2ft high greeted Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, when he arrived last Saturday to hold a press conference at the Intercontinental Hotel. "Jos comunismul. Aruncati carnetele," it demanded. "Down with communism.

### the Ceausescu downfall From Roger Boyes, Bucharest

In the corner of a ransacked to finance their trip. And so, reportedly grew by 7.3 per cent overnight, Romania has beof the Romanian revolution: a come (like Poland and East cent by 1988 and yet was teenager, Kalashnikov on his knees, half-puffing, half-chewing a Kent cigarette.

A month ago it would have been madness to smoke the American cigarettes that have become Romania's alternative currency. Bare shops emptied the official currency, the leu, of its meaning, yet Ceausescu banned the possession of hard currencies.

Special permits, rarely issued, were needed to enter hard-currency shops and the dollar black-market was conwhose main operators collab-orated with the Securitate. The devastating earthquake

of 1977 brought tons of Western aid, and, for some reason, hundreds of thousands of hundreds of thousands of engaged in active deception.
cartons of Kent cigarettes Despite the most elaborate
which promptly became a piece of cosmetic surgery, the safe, reserve currency for No more. Under a revolu-

tionary edict, Romanians are free to travel abroad providing

Germany) a nation of money changers.

Kents, for the first time, can be smoked with an easy

If only all Romania's economic adjustments were so straightforward. The country resembles a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, who first has to admit publicly to his problem, and assess and recount every detail before he can begin a cure.

The official statistics book shrank year by year under fined to a very small circle Ceausescu because it is beyoud even the most sophisticated computer stolen from the West to calibrate the lies. The targets were so unrealistically high that every factory first three years of the present five-year plan (started 1986) shows a dramatic decline of

National income (the Soviet

supposed almost to treble to

These were just the reported figures. The real picture is still a mystery.

8.9 per cent in 1989.

The one relatively reliable measure is foreign trade and foreign indebtedness, since other countries can blow the whistle on obviously faked statistics. These figures show that Ceausescu, by throttling imports, wiped clean Romania's external debt. At the beginning of the 1980s, Romania owed between \$10.5 and \$11 billion (£6.5 and £6.8 billion) to Western creditors. By the middle of 1989 Ceausescu announced that he had paid off every penny. There seems to be about \$300 or \$400 million owing to private banks, but nobody has openly contested the dictator's

If the revolution dismantles the Ceausescu economic order without putting anything in its place it will have squandered

#### New scandals on dictator's family

## Bucharest press gives lowdown on high life

idents, Mr Emil Boba, one

Nearly three weeks after the revolution, Romanians are still bombarded by their liberated media with mind-boggling disclosures about the excesses of the Ceausescu regime and its

The revelations of greed, cruelty, perversity and meg-alomania would have caused concern in any country, but they have proved doubly distressing in one so poor that red nettles and chicken's feet, and even a 60-watt light

bulb was a luxury.

A prime candidate for intimate revelations has been be in her late 30s, the high-living daughter of Romania's executed dictator Nicolae Ceansescu and his wife Eleas. A Bucharest newspaper said yesterday that she had had a long line of lovers, was a seasoned traveller and was almost permanently drunk.

from home her mother ordered a nationwide search, mobilizing the utilitia and secret police, Tineretul Liber (Free Youth), an independent daily,

Miss Ceansescu was arrested hours befere her parents were executed by an army firing squad on December 25. She and her playboy brother, Nicu, are in detention awaiting trial. No trace has been found

Tineretal Liber said Miss Cenusescu fell in love very easily and her escorts ranged from government ministers to simple barmen. "When she saw a handsome man she wouldn't let him go until she had hooked him," it said.

The newspaper said she was a nymphomaniac who courted ex-convicts and saw that they were propelled to top positions in industry if "she considered them to be good lovers".

the leading daily, Adevaral (Truth), told how Nicolae and Elena Ceansescu terrorized the population of the pic-turesque lakeside resort of Snagov near Bucharest, where they had one of their many lent residences. The article said the couple always referred to the locals as "worms" in

their conversations with of-ficials. They issued orders that during their brief periods in residence, cocks in the farmnce, cocks in the farmyards were not allowed to crow, dogs had to be stopped barking and church bells were prevented from ringing. According to accounts by

of the dictator's aides, used to shoot with cartridges filled with salt anyone found picking up left-over vegetables after the harvest on land around the When the Ceausescus took ruling family's life in Snagov came after a bizarre filmed over the residence, buildings and vegetation were buildozed

Yesterday's supplement to over a wide area. Elena issued orders that no cereal crops were to be planted on the cleared land in case they provided cover for snipers.

Romanians said the article

was further proof of the dic-tator's paranois. This is traced to a conversation in the early 1970s when President Castro of Cuba suposedly informed Ceausescu of an alleged CIA plot to take his own life with a form of poisonous oil to be rubbed on his shoes. After that, Ceausescu introduced a system whereby his suits and shoes were incinerated at the end of each day.

A storeroom in which hundreds of new items of clothing and footwear are still kept, remains closed to journalists because it has been used to store gold items taken from his homes and offices. The disclosures about the

tour of their residences in the

entary on their appalling

Revolutionary television tators now love to oint out the Ceanso numble origins, and many obscene jokes circulate around the dictator's start in life as a The cameras lingered over antiques and objets d'art, which, despite their obvious

high cost, would have won prizes in any competition for kitsch. The highlight of the presenter picked through a pile of 365 silk brocade curtains, one for every day of the

well-stocked wine cellar and given an account of how oldiers were ordered to plough up the sand every

#### that they have enough dollars bloc equivalent of GNP) an important opportunity. Prince's first visit home

By Jamie Detimer

A Romanian prince flew to Bucharest yes-terday aboard a relief flight to become the first member of the country's exiled royal family to step foot in Romania for nearly 40 years. Prince Paul a Paris-based property devel-

oper, emphasized that he was not going to Romania to proclaim the right of the royal family to return. "I don't think it is the time to state anything grand," he said. "It will be the first time I have visited the

country and I just want to see it for myself."
His planned visit nearly failed when the
British airline chartered to operate the relief
flight, which contained medical supplies and food, pulled out for security reasons after discovering that the prince would be aboard. Air Europe complained to the organizers, the Relief Fund for Romania, about Prince Paul's presence and claimed that a a full list of the 160 passengers was not supplied. It also objected to the large number of journalists

planning to go on the flight who failed to provide details of their employers. In a statement issued later, the airline said: "In view of the tense and delicate political situation in Romania and the total inability of the organizers of the charity to clarify who wished to travel and why, we felt we had no option but to stand down the mission."

Air Europe offered £10,000 to the relief fund and to transport the supplies at its own cost.

Later, there were chaotic scenes at Gatwick airport when journalists, television crews and expatriate Romanians had to fight for the 97seats aboard a last-minute replacement air-craft, a BAC-111, supplied by British Island Airways. The flight was delayed by almost two

Mr Nicolae Ratiu, a spokesman for the Refief Fund for Romania, said he could not understand the basis for Air Europe's decision

He said: "We planned the flight weeks ago. Air Europe put a Boeing 737 at our disposal and we decided the best way to use it would be to invite expatriate Romanians and interested Britons to come along with 25 kilos each of essential supplies. Everything was proceeding smoothly until Air Europe's sudden change of

Prince Paul was born in Paris in January. 1920 after his father, Prince Carol, who now lives in London, ran off with and married Zin Lambrino, a Romanian commoner.

• Family planning: A British doctor will arrive in Bucharest today to help with a family planning policy for the country. Dr Tim 3 Rutter, a consultant with the Marie Stopes or ganization, said Bucharest hospitals were facing a "critical situation with over 200" pregnant women turning up every day asking for an abortion".

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been reached. The meeting of the Comecon council here was the first since a tide of changes swept through East Europe late last internal market to imports. year, loosening the com- Mr Stepan Sitaryan, a munist grip on power in the Soviet delegate, said: "We area and opening the way for Western-style democracy and

economics.

# £300m for disabled is not new money, says Opposition

help for the disabled was announced in the Commons by Mr Tony Newton, Secretary of State for Almost none is net new money Social Security.

He said that this was new money and would be made available over the next three

The Opposition disputed that it was new money. Mr Michael Meacher. said that most of it would be clawed back by cuts in other benefits. "It is not acceptable to transfer money from one group of claimants to another", he said.

he said.

Mr Newton said that his proposals built in a practical and constructive way on what the Government had done over the past 10 years during which benefits for the long-term sick and disabled had "massively"

His proposals would bring extra help to 850,000 people in the next few years.

The extra amounts were £84

million in 1990-91;£138 million in 1991-92 and £213 million in 1992-93. He linked them to the Gov-ernment's proposals on commu-

ernment's proposate on commu-nity care and to a consultative document to be published shortly on training and employ-ment services for disabled Together with those moves, this improved structure of disability benefits reflected the

disability benefits reflected the Government's firm commiment to improving the quality of life for disabled people.

Mr Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on social security, said that an improvement in disability benefits was desperately needed. But, after they had waited 10 years, this announcement fell far short of the real answer, a comment of the real answer, a comprehen-

sive disability income. The ending of a reduced earnings allowance amounted to

the Commons on Tuesday night, after an Opposition mo-tion to deny the Bill a second

remaining one in eight who are covered, virtually all the extra money will be met by savings or clawbacks on other benefits.

to the social security system."
The £100 million cost of the new package of measure an-nounced in October was largely accounted for by the £80 million cut in statutory sick pay.

The Opposition welcomed the new disability allowance, but only one in 40 disabled people would be eligible and, once again, a third of the cost would be clawed back by cuts in other benefits.

other benefits.

The new disability employment credit was extremely limited, reaching only one in 30 disabled people of working age.

The whole of the cost would be covered by savings made from other benefits so that this was merely a transfer within the social security system.

As an income-related benefit, it would confine disabled people to low-paid jobs (Conservative

two big losses for disabled people. Mr Newton was ending people. Mr Newton was ending the build-up of new rights to earnings-related addition to in-validity benefit — a huge retro-grade step for disabled people. "The extent of their loss is made clear by the fact that the Government as a result of this

£350 million by 1998.
"The significance of today's announcement is that it creates for the first time a two-nation approach to disablement."

Two thirds of all disabled people — those aged 60 and over

cut ... will save no less than

were to be treated as secondclass citizens. That, and the huge cut in invalidity pensions, amounting to £350 million a year, was a promise of poverty for the elderly disabled.

Second reading for Scottish Bill

prise, funded by the Secretary of State.

reading was rejected by 253 State. Scottish new town development votes to 213 - Government Those bodies would replace, corporations and the transfer of majority, 40. The Bill aims to respectively, the Scottish Dev-

European members that we

have to move towards a

market-type integration," Mr

Andrei Lukanov of Bulgaria,

chairman of Comecon's exec-

In a closing speech, Mr

Georgi Atanasov, the Bulgar-

ian Prime Minister, said the

session had lived up to predic-

tions that it would be "a

turning point in the whole

development of our organ-

Prime Minister of Hungary,

members still differed on ex-

actly what new economic sys-

disappear," he told delegates.

that it had reservations. "In-

troducing the market should

in no way mean a move

mean this should have a main

role in society," Vice-Presi-

dent Carlos Rafael Rodriguez

An anodyne communiqué

said the meeting "underlined

the necessity to decidedly

renew the whole system of

Czechoslovak officials said

they still differed from the

Soviet Union on the way the

pricing in hard currency

cow's proposal could hit

Mr Vaclav Klaus, Czecho-

slovakia's Finance Minister,

told journalists that, if hard

currency was to be the basis.

Czechoslovakia would like to

see the Soviet Union open its

would agree on pricing and

payment conditions with each

country on a bilateral basis,

materials.

told the session on Tuesday.

"On many items our posit-

tems should be adopted.

But Mr Miklos Nemeth, the

utive committee, said.

ization."

million by 1992-93.

"The Opposition", he said,
welcomes any genuine improvement in benefits for disabled people.

"But today's announcement with its distorting mirrors and clawbacks of savings on other benefits, and transfers between claimants within the social security system, is regrettably more political rhetoric and 'hype'

than real substance."
Mr Newton said that he had rarely heard such an ungenerous response to a very substantial package of improvements.

This was net new money.
On the age-related addition to severe disablement allowance, there would be some offset in income-related benefits, but there would be a net increase in spending of about £50 million when the change had been fully

If the earnings-related addi-tion to invalidity benefits and the reduced earnings allowance had been left unchanged they would have built up entitle-ments in the next century (Labour MPs: What's wrong with that?) which would have made it difficult to announce

increases now. Despite that, there would be a net increase in spending beyond that previously planned in every remaining year of the present

Mr Archy Kirkwood, Liberal Democrat spokesman on social security and welfare, said that there was a heavy emphasis on disabled people in work, and there was concern that those beyond pensionable age would

be ignored.

Mr Newton said that the
Social Security Advisory Committee felt that the first priority
for extra resources should be for

elopment Agency and the High-lands and Islands Development

Board, and also the training agencies for the two areas.

The Bill also provides for the

Mr Hurd: I have discussed



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### US 'shows Further aid considered sympathy'

When the subject of the boat people was raised at question time in the Commons, Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, said there was increasing understanding in the United States of what Britain is trying to achieve in Hong Kong and that Britain and Hong Kong deserve more help and understanding more help and understanding from the international commu-nity than they had so far

Mr Christopher Mullin (Sun-derland, South, Lab) asked whether Mr Hurd had had the opportunity to put to Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, that it would be a good idea if the United States called off the Vietnam war and ended its trade and aid embargo on Vietnam with a view to stopping the flow

the whole issue of boat people and will do so again when, as I hope, I visit Washington about he end of the month.

Mr Hurd said later that US reaction to the return of the 51 people to Vietnam had been a good deal more moderate than

**EASTERN EUROPE** 

Poland and Hungary to lib-eralize their economies and with privatization and the establish-

The Government was considering what further assistance it could give to constries in East Europe in addition to the \$100 miltion (£60,600,600) already given to the international Stabilization Fund for Poland and financial belp to Hungary, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told the Commons during question time. He added: We will respond positively to these countries as positively to these countries as they put in place political and economic reforms.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Can-nock and Barutwood, C) said that since socialism had de-stroyed the economies of East Europe, would it not be best to advise them how to create liberal

market economies?

Mr Waldegrave said that the Polish and other governments had made clear that the last thing they wanted was Stalanist or socialist economies.

Mr John Maples (Lewisham West, C) said that private investment by Western commercial companies would be of immense help to Poland and other East European countries.

Mr Waldegrave agreed. One of the demands made by Mr Lech Walesa on his visit here

privatization and the establishment of capital markets.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that help to East Europe must not be at the expense of British industry, especially the textile industry.

Mr Waldegrave said that dumping as defined under international regulations was not permissible. The best thing we could do for those countries trying to join in world trade was to open our markets to them. trying to join in word trace was to open our markets to them.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab) said that a realistic approach would be along the lines of the Marshall Plan because, if their economies were not helped to work, democratization would not work.

Mr Woldergree said that he

Mr Waldegrare said that he agreed with the analysis but not the analogy.

Mr Nicholas Soames (Craw-

ley, C) said that cultural links should be encouraged. Mr Waldegrave said that one

of the first demands from East Europe was for English-lan-guage teaching.

Mr George Roberton, an

eign affairs, said that it was time for a more appropriate and comprehensive aid plan for the

Later, Sir Russell Johnston, Liberal Democrat spokesman on East-West relations, said that the European Conneil of Min-isters should think about help-

Mr Douigas Hurd, Foreign
Secretary, said that the changes
were not solely down to Mr
Gorbachov but also to Western
Europe and the United States
standing firm when the dictaorwhice segment in precompile

ships seemed impregnable.

The Soviet Union's problems could not be solved by financial aid. They were problems of nationalities within the Soviet Union and an economy that was

comprehensive aid plan for the newly democratized countries.

The Government could take the lead by bringing together the rich Western countries in putting together a sizeable and imaginative package.

Mr Waldegrave said that Britain had contributed £250 million to Poland alone this year. It was Britain that taken the lead.

Later. Sir Russell Johnston.

ing not only the newly democratized countries in central Europe but also the Soviet Union.

President Gorbachov was in trouble and it was in everyone's interest to help kim.

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### **Security** moves at airports outlined

taken to tighten airport security after the Lockerbie disaster nearly 13 months ago were outlined to MPs by Mr Cecil Transport, when he moved second reading of the Aviation and Maritime Security Bill.

The Bill is to give effect to international anti-terrorist agreements and to provide for new security measures for ships and ports similar to those for aircraft and airports.

He said that the Lockerbie investigations had already cost £7 million. The police had taken 14,000 statements, recorded about 16,000 items of property and more than 35,000 photographs had been taken. "We have been determined to learn all we can."

Immediately after Lockerbie all aspects of airport and aircraft security had been tightened. By April, there would be electronic checking of all passes issued to

employees at airports.
The Aviation Security Inspectorate had been doubled and new requirements had been introduced for recruiting and

training security staffs. Money for research and dev-elopment of equipment and

techniques had been doubled. Progress was being made towards the screening of all hold baggage on all international flights and the Government was

aviation security. The Aviation Inspectorate would be given more flexible and effective means of enforcing directions so that deficiencies in security could be remedied on the spot, if necessary by stop-ping operations until that had been done.

strengthening powers covering

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, said that safety must be top priority, but the Bill defined the Department of Transport as the competent Transport as the competent authority. The department had a lamentable record and had been totally inadequate in carrying out its safety responsi-bilities.

There had been no investiga-tion into the department's handling of the warning it received about the Lockerbie bomb.

#### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Debate on Opposition motion on the am-

#### THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

# over after Comecon to downfall embrace the free market

There was an unopposed second reading for the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Bill in the Commons on Tuesday night, after an Opposition mo-

Sofia (Rester) — Comecon. the Soviet-led East European trading bloc, yesterday decided at a meeting here to move towards a market-based system to replace four decades of rigid central planning and barter trade, delegates said.

After a two-day session, the Prime Ministers of the 10 Comecon states agreed to change gradually towards trade based on convertible currency and world market prices, they said. A commission set up to

draft changes to the Comecon statutes will make proposals next month and will meet in Pragne in mid-March to discuss them, Czechoslovak officials said. Comecon, whose members are the seven Warsaw Pact

nations plus Cuba, Mongolia and Vietnam, has until now decreed who exports what to where and at what price, and its accounting has been done in "transferable roubles" which have no external value. Mr Georgi Pirinski, the toward anarchy in production;

Bulgarian Deputy Prime Min-recognizing a certain degree of ister, told reporters that the private ownership does not step-by-step move towards trading in hard currency and at world prices, first proposed then pour and the relationship is a large and a large and a relationship is a relationship in the large and a larg last month by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, would get under way in 1991.

"The transition has to be gradual to take into account mutual co-operation and the balance of payments shifts mechanisms of multilateral and other negative aspects ... co-operation". We are looking for a soft landing and not a hard land-

Mr Ryzhkov told Soviet and Bulgarian journalists that should work, and that Mos-Moscow had proposed a threeyear transition period, but smaller countries dependent Czechoslovakia had suggested on Soviet oil and other raw five years, reporters present said. It was not, however, clear whether any compromise had

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"The political situation has but prices must come closer to changed sharply, and there is world market values."

### Markov's widow hopeful By Michael Knipe Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Annabel Markov, the British widow of Georgi Markov, the Bulgarian emigre killed by a poison pellet in London 12 years ago, yes-terday expressed confidence that Bulgaria's new leaders would fulfil their pledge to investigate the murder.

Mrs Markov, who has long believed that the Bulgarian Politburo ordered her husband's assassination, said she is not seeking retribution.

"I just want them to admit responsibility for what they've done," she said in Sofia yesterday after meeting Mr Aleksandr Lilov, a senior Politburo member, who is part of the party's reformist wing that has assumed control since Mr Todor Zhivkov, the veteran Bulgarian Communist leader, was ousted last month.

which will be host to the next prime ministerial session, said Asked if Mr Lilov made any acknowledgment that Bulgar-ia's former hardline leaders were linked to her husband's death, Mrs Markov said: ions are not the same. We "There was not a specific think monolithic unity will admission. But he said this had been a terrible time for Cuba, still a hardline com-Bulgaria, and things had hapmunist country, made clear pened that shouldn't have

happened." Mrs Markov said Bulgaria needed to make a break with its Stalinist past by acknowledging the mistakes of the old regime,"to build a kind of society where this could never happen again."

Mr Dimitar Zhulev, the Bulgarian ambassador to Britain, told Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, on Tuesday that a commission of inquiry was being set up.



surrounding her husband's murder. "He gave the impression he would like the Europe. inquiry to happen as soon as

Mrs Markov said Mr Lilov lected memoirs. These include ordinary person."

Mrs Markov: Not after retribution for husband's murder. had expressed a firm desire to the text of a number of help resolve the mystery Bulgarian-language broadcasts he made from London on the BBC and Radio Free

She said what her husband had written about Zhivkov Mr Lilov described Markov was mild compared with what as one of Bulgaria's finest is now appearing about the writers and pledged that for ousted leader. "But this was the first time Bulgaria would enough to get him killed then publish The Truth That because it was impossible to Killed, his posthumously col- talk about Zhivkov as an

#### Hungarian ban on political advertising

## Clash over 'media bias'

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

As Hungary's 28 officially registered political parties gear up for the country's first free elections in more than 40 years, controversy has crupted over the role of the largely state-controlled broadcasting media's reporting the campaign on a fair and indepen-

dent basis. An official media watchdog commission charged with overseeing radio and televison news reporting yesterday placed a complete ban on all paid political advertising until January 23, when it hopes to implement an ethical code of conduct on campaign coverage. The election is set for March 25.

The ban, however, was rejected immediately by at least two influential opposition parties, the Alliance of Free Democrats and Social Democrais, which wanted to launch their campaigns this week. They say that the ban only helps the chances of the ruling Socialist Party which is better known and financed than the opposition.

In addition, the head of the official media commission is Mr Imre Pozsgay, the influential Minister of State and the Socialist Party's powerful second-in-command, who last week was also appointed to run his party's entire election campaign.

"The ban is deleterious and violates the principle of equal chances," a spokesman for the two opposition parties said. He noted that equal access to the media will be a crucial factor in the election as many

known outside the Budapest editor-in-chief of the tele-Not surprisingly, the Social-

ist Party has said that it accepts the advertising ban. The 15-member multi-party media commission itself has aroused considerable suspicion since it was formed last year as it had the power to hire and fire editors, change programmes, and determine editorial content, imposing what many journalists said was merely multi-party censorship

Prague (AP) - A total of 72

people were killed and 266 seriously injured during the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia, the Lidova Demokracie daily said yes-terday in the first official disclosure of a casualty toll. Quoting a report by the Czechoslovak Prosecutor-General, the daily said the fatalities had occurred by September 3, 1968 - 13 days after the Soviet-led invasion.

instead of one-party censorship which existed under the communist regime.

Mr Pozsgay, who had resigned as head of the commission last year after announcing his candidacy for President, was recently persuaded to assume the post again under a re-organization claim now gives him even more authority.

of the new parties are not well director and yesterday the orthodox Marxists.

charge d'affaires in Tirana that screened a video of the family

vision news division, as various forces and factions fight for control in the vacuum left by the abolition of a central state authority.

According to a new law, all political parties are to receive government funding, based on membership, with part of the money being allocated to fi-nance the election campaign. But the high cost of paid political advertising will make free air time on the widely watched evening television news essential for opposition success in their first nationwide contest with the Socialist

(former communist) Party. Meanwhile, the Socialist Party has given the first details of its election strategy, announcing that it will name candidates in all the individual constituencies, as well as county and national lists, for the new 400-member multiparty Parliament.

A party spokesman told journalists that the main campaign themes would be attaining "stability and progress" in a society freed from poverty and building a modern Hun-gary linked to Western Europe, all within a left-wing perspective which has com-

pletely repudiated Stalinism. The Socialists, who have seen their membership shrink scheme which many people to 50,000 from over 700,000 since their transformation from the communist party, Since then the state tele-ruled out any coalition with vision network has been the the newly-formed Hungarian scene of turmoil and political Socialist Workers' Party, in-fighting which has already which comprises the Socialled to the resignation of the ists' hardline, old guard of

# Albania says it will resist foreign pressure to reform

By Our Foreign Staff

The Albanian communist party yesterday firmly ruled out joining the rest of Eastern Europe in introducing democratic reforms.

The party newspaper, Zeri i Popullit, said: "Those who think the time has come to intervene in Albania after the changes in Eastern Europe should know Tirana will continue along the path of socialism, and no force can prevent that."

Albania would not allow anyone

to interfere in its internal affairs, it

said, and denounced what it called

"a slander campaign from abroad"

aimed at overthrowing the Zeri i Popullit dismissed allega-

tions that four ethnic Greeks, the Prassos brothers, had been tortured and killed for trying to leave the country and for advocating Greek religious freedom. It said exiles were taking advantage of the allegations to urge Albanians to join the East European wave of revolutions.

It criticized "reactionary circles" in Greece, the press in eastern Yugoslavia and Albanian emigres. Former King Leka, Albania's exiled monarch who has urged his

countrymen to overthrow the hardline communist regime, was an farms and drugs dealer" who has fled to South Africa, the party newspaper claimed.

the four Prassos brothers are alive. A Greek government spokesman said yesterday that the Albanian Government did not object to the request by a senior Greek diplomat to meet the brothers but refused

immediate access to the family. An Albanian Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary told the Greek

allowing immediate access to the brothers would signify "a lack of confidence by Greece in the Albanian authorities". Mr Prokopis Paylopoulos, the Government Albania has stalled on a Greek spokesman, said in Athens. government request to prove that

The Greek charge d'affaires had asked Albania's Foreign Ministry for permission to meet the brothers after Archbishop Seraphim, the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, said they were tortured and murdered while trying to flee Albania last October. Last Friday the Albanian Embassy in Athens

celebrating the new year. The embassy identified the family as the Prassos brothers and relatives.

On Tuesday Mr Antonis Samaras, the Greek Foreign Minister, asked Albania to prove the brothers were alive. At a press conference yesterday, representatives of northern Epirot associations of North America, Canada and Australia condemned what they called inhuman living conditions in Albania, especially for the estimated 400,000 ethnic Greeks living there.

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**SPECTRUM** 

Tyrant of Tirana

s Communist regimes tumbled throughout Eastern Europe at the end of last year, the American business magazine Fortune advised potential investors what to look out for before committing their money. "Romania: One of the last really nasty family dictatorships is destroying a once promising economy," Fortune forctold. "Pray for a putsch." And then: "Albania: Xenophobic, dirt poor, and con-stitutionally forbidden to borrow abroad. May be worth a look next

But events have has speeded up. With the pictures of the bulletriddled corpse of Nicolae Ceausescu fresh in everyone's minds, people want to know can tiny Albania (population: 3.1 million) survive as the last communist bastion in Europe?

We know even less about Albania than we do about Romania, but some clues as to whether the regime can last may lie in the history of Ramiz Alia, its president and party chief.

Alia was born in the northern Albanian town of Shkoder in 1925. His parents were Muslims who had fled from the Kosovo, the predominantly Albanian-populated area of southern Yugoslavia. He was a teenager, living under the not-so-benign rule of the self-proclaimed "King" Zog, when Mussolini invaded Albania on Good Friday 1939, an act of unprovoked aggression about which the western democracies did nothing. Zog and his family fled the country, ending up in the Ritz Hotel in London, where Zog paid his bills in gold bars. Zog is long dead, but his son Leka has been issuing appeals to the Albanian people from his farm near Johannesburg, South Africa. Albanian monarchists have not rushed to raise their heads above the

It is claimed that Alia joined the partisans, led by the communist Enver Hoxha, as a teenager. The movement soon established itself as the leading force fighting the Italians and then the Germans, who took over the occupation of the country after Italy surrendered in 1943. In the same year Alia, then 18, became a member of the Albanian Communist Party.

Alia inherited a tradition of genuine independence, plus fierce nationalism. The Albanian parti-sans proudly claim that they pushed the Germans out at the end of 1944 without outside help. This is only partly true, but what is of crucial importance is that the Soviet Army never set foot in Albania during the Second World War. The communist-dominated eovernment which took power in late November 1944 under Hoxha to the presidency and in 1983, pu was not put there by Josef Stalin, when Hoxha became ill, he took

RAMIZ ALIA

who initially distrusted Hoxhs. In Stalin's scheme of things, Albania was supposed to be a protege of Josip Tito's Yugoslavia. But in 1948, Stalin broke with Tito (partly over Albania) and so did Hoxha. It was in this year that Alia joined the Central Committee of the Party of Labour (as the Communist Party had been renamed). His big promotion came in 1956: shortly after Khruschev's rapprochement with Tito, Alia was made a candidate member of the Politburo.

It was also in that year that Alia accompanied Hoxha on a visit to China. He took part in a long meeting with Mao Tse-tung, which was when, Hoxha later claimed, Mao's "revisionism" became apparent to the hawk-eved Albanians. Alia also spent a few days in North Korea with Kim II Sung, the world's longest surviving Communist dictator. A year later, as Khrushchev was energetically wooing Tito after the Hungarian uprising, it was Alia who accompanied Hoxha to the Soviet Union. When the Russians tried to censor one of Hoxha's anti-Yugoslav diatribes, Alia went to the printers to try to rescue his text. The fact that Alia failed seems not to have been held

Alia became the key negotiator in the Albanian team battling with the Russians. He was with Hoxha at the meeting in November 1960 where the final rancorous break came - and even stayed behind to conduct rearguard skirmishes after Hoxha fled in fear of his life. A year later Alia was elevated to full membership of the Politburo, and in 1962 he was sent to Peking to try to persuade the Chinese to hold the line against any compromise with the Russians over the Sino-Soviet split.

against him.

His rise to the leadership came in 1981, when Hoxha broke with Mehmet Shehu, his oldest and apparently closest colleague, and the man who had been widely expected to be Hoxha's successor. Shehu allegedly committed sui-cide. He was denounced as an agent of several foreign powers, including Britain, and there was an extensive purge of his followers and relatives, who controlled both the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of the Interior.

A year later Alia was promoted

over many of his functions as leader of the party. When Hoxha died in April 1985, the Alia succession proceeded like clockwork.

Alia's whole experience has been within a fanatically hard-line Mara-ist-Leninist political machine. Hoxha's career was littered with the corpses of his foes, real or alleged. Alia could hardly have survived, much less reached the top if he were not a true believer.

But this does not mean he is out of touch. His foreign experience, though limited to communist countries, has been unusually rich - more than 30 years of dealing with tough characters like Khruschev, Andropov, Mao and Deng as the representative of a very small and poor state, with very few cards to play. No one could go through this and not have learnt a trick or two.

The recent changes in Soviet policy are unlikely to have any direct effect on Alia. He is not like East Germany's former leader Erich Honecker, a declaration of non-interference by Moscow does not weaken him, because he has not depended on the Russians. Nor is he a Ceausescu: he has not squeezed the population dry to pay off foreign debts, because the country had none. He has not destroyed a previously flourishing economy - Albania has always been very poor.

ollowing the overthrow of Ceausescu, the Alba-nian embassy in Paris put out a statement which said, in essence; what has happened in Eastern Europe is nothing to do with us; it is not a crisis of socialism, because those states were not socialist; they were revisionist; we are socialist and intend to stay that way. The claim that Alia's Albania is different, at least ideologically, has considerable substance to it.

There are few signs of any liberals in Tirana, the capital, although a novel attacking mal-practices by the Sigurimi, the secret police, was published at the end of last year. Nor is any Havel figure known to be in the wings (he, or she, would have to lie very low). The army is largely made up of conscripts, and it is not known how it would react in a domestic emergency (like the Sigurimi, it has been subjected to frequent

Under Alia, Albania has

moderated its foreign policy, opening up greatly to its Balkan neighbours, and even participat-ing in a Balkan Foreign Ministers Conference in Belgrade. Tirana has maintained a low-key policy on the potentially hot issue of the Kosovo, in spite of Alia's bitter denunciations of Yugoslavia in past decades. Diplomatic relations have been established with all but four countries in Europe. One of the exceptions is Britain.

If one looks at the factors which have led to the overthrow of regimes in other East European untries, what does this mean for Alia's? There is no freedom of the Press in Albania, but access to information is not as restricted as, say, in Romania under Ceausescu, or North Korea. Most Albanians can watch Italian, Greek, or Yugoslav television, and are much better informed about foreign policy disputes than other communist countries. People may be bored, but no more so than before

The regime has proclaimed a policy of egalitarianism and seems to have stuck to it to a large extent; people have to work very hard, but are probably unable to tell if the fruits of their labour are being unfairly appropriated. Alia and his fellow leaders have certain obvious privileges (villas, cars, private beaches), but there is no evidence of blatant corruption.

Religion is unlikely to provide a focus of discontent, the religious institutions were proclaimed closed in 1967, and Islam has always been rather lackadaisical in Albania. An Albanian Solidarity is as improbable as an Albanian

Warsaw Pact, or Comecon. It is 45 more years of hard slog comthus not a "domino" in the way bined with ideological hectoring. Bulgaria, or even Romania, was. We do not know the strength of

the opposition to Alia, or his capacity to adapt. But his pronouncements in recent weeks show he is alarmed by events in Eastern Europe. They do not show any willingness to soften the hard edge of Marxism-Leninism, but it seems improbable that the long-Albania is not a member of the suffering population can wish for

Jon Halliday

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# Tate's re-hanging judge

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For Nicholas Serota, the director of 16 months, is doing his whirling dervish act inside, undertaking the first compre-hensive re-hang of the nation-al collections of British, modern and contemporary art

for 20 years.
This is not just a matter of shifting the bedroom furniture around to put the zip back into our relationship with the collection. The doors will open again on January 25 to a radical new

display which will profound-ly affect both market in the 1990s.

Rumours are that the much-loved William Blake room has been spirited away; that the clinical white walls

of the 1970s

have surrendered to colour; that rich wall fabrics and plush carpets have invaded the his-toric collection. Most import-ant, British 20th-century art traditionally a Cinderella due to its whimsical refusal to enter the straitjacket of international stylistic creeds - will be lifted out of the Tate's sizeable closet (the entire collection stands at 50,000 items, of which only a proportion can be shown), and presented boldly, on a par with its American and European counterparts.

This means that not just Serota, but our entire recent artistic inheritance will be put to the test. Serota's move will be judged as either visionary or jingoistic folly.

Hanging is a notoriously difficult subject, both inside and outside the gallery. The daunting, and inevitably most gallery refurbishments are greeted with derision.

The Tate Gallery closed down this week. And yes, this means the end of 20th-century trade fair. Next came the minimalist approach, whereby curators covered the walls in surgery

white or porridge, hung the paintings knee-high with a "tasteful gap" between them, and, in the belief that information detracts from aesthetic enjoyment, attached the brief-est of captions.

Finally came the designer Eighties, pioneered by the fearless "hang 'em high, hang 'em low" Timothy Clifford. First he transported Manchester's City Art

Gallery back into the days of bustles and toppers applying rich period colours look at to the walls, introducing aspidistras, and subordiart world nating the

Sarah Jane Checkland

palette as director at the National Galleries of Scotland. Now, with the new Sainsbury wing scheduled to open at the National Gallery next year and the British Petroleum-financed Tate project (£300,000) this month, we are entering the sponsored Nineties, and their look is

overall effect.

He continued

with a bolder

about to be revealed.

In making his selection of works, Serota faces further challenges, as he inherits the tastes of his predecessors. In a calculation of the control of celebrated clash between David Hockney and Sir Nor-man Reid, the Tate's outgoing director in 1979, the artist claimed that the museum was failing to buy as "a museum of record", being biased "in favour of joyless and souless and theoretical art".

"They have been trying to find work to fit in with their challenge of complementing theories instead of looking at the works on display with the period of the building and the convenience of the visitor is saw as a cheese-paring policy.

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Taste test: director Nicholas Serota has a deunting challenge

During this period, the gal-lery was widely criticized for buying "the bricks" — a pile of exactly that, by the American artist Carl André.

The next director, Sir Alan Bowness, continued the inter-national and highbrow em-phasis. His illustrated cataogue, last reprinted in 1988. ends with a chapter on minimalism and conceptualism, thus giving no hint of the triumphant return of figu-rative painting during the

As to filling in the gaps, Serota's official purchase grant is frozen at £1.8 million: a sum which does not go far in a market where the record for David Hockney is £352,000. and even the acclaimed paintings by the untested young Glasgow school go for £10,000. He is contemplating trying to raise funds for an important painting by the 18th-century artist Zoffany, at more than £3 million.

During the great Serota re-The past three decades have with a collection of cheap art. remains open to the public, as seen three dominant decorative creeds. First came post-war prefabrication, whereby temporary structures were put up within the barn-like museremains open to the public, as

painted in various shades of verracotta.

There is no sign of the post-Incre is no sign of the post-impressionists, who used to take pride of place in the first galleries visitors came to. Instead, there is a room devoted to the English land-scapist Paul Nash. "Angel of Anarchy", a zany bust blind-folded by scarves, by the British surrealist Eikeen Agar, has taken its place among the has taken its place among the works of Salvador Dali and

Stanley Spencer's "Resur-rection" — relegated for years to a corridor above the basement stairs - can be glimpsed in glory at the far end of a chapel-like gallery.

But the most dramatic changes are taking place deep in the new orientation area in the heart of the building. Here Serota will beckon his visitors, before sending them out on his chosen routes: "a simple chronological sequence which will provide "a skeleton which may be followed backwards or forwards in time from the Tudors to the present". Entrance to this inner sanctum is barred by a sign saying "hard hat area". When January 25 comes, Serota is well advised to keep

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the complication known as

#### **HEALTH**

# Case for kid gloves

A stay in hospital can be traumatic for parent and child. Anne-Marie Sapsted

reports on a

new campaign to

ease the agony

ospitals have come a long way since the psycho-analyst James Robertson made his graphic films in the Fifties demonstrating the agonies suffered by a two-year-old handed over to a nurse by her mother. But around 900,000 children are admitted to hospital each year, with a further three million having to visit for consultations or treatment, and the experience can still be traumatic for parent and child alike.

As part of its long-running campaign to raise awareness of the emotional needs of child in-patients, the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital (NAWCH) this week launched a comic to help prepare children for going to hospital. It stars Sammy, a boy admitted for an operation, and follows him from admission to

The full-colour photographs were shot at Greenwich District Hospital in London, using real hospital staff and featuring Mandeep Verdee as Sammy. Seven-year-old Mandeep knows the hospital well, for as an asthmatic he has been treated there on several occasions. "We have been publishing material for parents for some time," explains Pauline Shelley, press and information officer for NAWCH, "but we haven't published anything specifi-cally for children before, and we wanted to have something modern and up-to-date for children aged four to seven. We did some research and found that this bright, realistic format was what children responded to best."

Parents will also get a lot out of it, Shelley says. "They can become extremely anxious about what is going to happen to their child. They've often had a bad experience themselves as children, and they have no idea how a proper children's ward operates these

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NAWCH was formed in the early Sixties by a group of young pro-fessional mothers who all lived on Prince of Wales Drive in Battersea, south London. They had read about Robertson's pioneering work observ-ing and filming the effects on children of contemporary hospital practice, which dictated that parents should hand their children over to the professionals and interfere as little as possible. Prevailing wisdom was that parental visiting only upset the child and disrupted ward routine. No matter how young the child, visiting was restricted at best to half an hour a day and at worst to half an hour a week - or even, in extreme cases, a month. Robertson's film of small, abandoned figures huddled behind the bars of their cots makes disturbing viewing.

Explain as clearly as possible why the child has to go into hospital and what will happen. Try playing hospital games and reading some of the explaint so the conflict house written.

the excellent books written for children on the subject.

Find out from the hospital

you know what to expect and can answer your child's

staff exectly what the procedure will be, so that

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Stay with your child in



Looking on the lighter side: extracts from Sammy Goes to Hospital, a comic annohed this week to prepare children — and parents — for the experience

Peg Belson, one of the founders of hospital stay could cause lasting psychological damage to a child. The the executive committee, recalls: report recommended that children the group and still an active member of the executive committee, recalls: "We contacted James Robertson to ask how we could help put his ideas forward, and he told us to start on our

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"We went to our local hospital and discovered that paediatricians there son's views and had begun to allow mothers unrestricted visiting. Very quickly we had several doctors working with us."

In 1959, two years before NAWCH was started, the Department of Health had published the Platt Report on the welfare of children in hospital, in

CHECKLIST FOR A CHILD'S STAY IN HOSPITAL

you can, and arrange for

other visitors, especially brothers and sisters.

Many children are upset

when parents arrive or leave. Don't let this put you

off; it's far better for them to orr, it's rain better to tream it cry than bottle up feelings. Leave calmly and without delay after saying when the next visit will be.

Make sure you tell the hospital staff as much as

you can about your child: likes, dislikes and fears.

should be nursed at home whenever possible; that parents should be able to visit and share in the care of their children in hospital; that overnight accommodation should be provided for parents; that staff dealing with that there should be opportunities for play and education in hospitals; and that children and adolescents should have separate wards, outpatient clinics and waiting rooms in accident and emergency departments.

More than 30 years later, the last recommendation in particular has still response to increasing concern among not been implemented in the both doctors and parents that a vast majority of hospitals, and there

things for amusement, such as books, games, crayons and paper. For you, nightwear, including

babags, and simple snacks;

knitting, sewing or something to read; if you have to sleep in a chair, a rug or sleeping beg.

"I recently analysed 200 calls from parents to our national office to find out what their concerns were," Shelley says. "More than half wanted to know if they had a right to stay with their child in hospital, and were expressing worries about whether the hospital would allow it. Basically it comes back to individual hospital policy. The Department of Health has continually said that the Platt recommendations should be taken on board, but there is nothing in legislation."

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Even in hospitals which theoretically have facilities for parents, rang-ing from foldaway beds to purpose-built accommodation, there are subtle ways, Shelley says, of discouraging their use. "Staff sometimes don't mention there are facilities for parents to stay. The mother who turns up with her three-year-old may want to stay but not like to ask."

The association's view is that hospitals should provide facilities for every under-five entering hospital to be accompanied by one parent. "Our guidelines are that about 75 per cent of five to seven-year-olds will have their parents with them, and about 50 per cent of eight to 11-year-olds," Shelley

n 1982, NAWCH carried out a nationwide survey of hospital accommodation for parents and children. Four years later it revisited 153 black spots to check on progress. Just over one in 10 still had restricted visiting periods, only two-thirds were described as "welcoming" to parents, and facilities varied considerably. Only a third had a separate sitting-room for parents, in more than half, parents had to share toilet facilities with patients, and in two-thirds they had to share bath and shower facilities with patients. A third of parents had to make their own arrangements for simple necessities such as drinks, a seemingly minor problem unless you have had to sit for hours on end with a distressed child who will not let you out of his or her sight.

Other areas of concern are the fact that more than half the hospitals in the country make no provision for play and education for children in hospital. Up to 60 per cent of the over-12s are nursed on adult wards where, as Shelley points out, there may be distressing sights and sounds around them, and there are restricted visiting times. Most parents are still forbidden entry to the anaesthetic room, despite plenty of evidence that it benefits the child.

"An area of prime concern is accident and emergency departments, which are particularly stressful, Shelley says. "Children are almost always separated from their parents."

While there is no doubt that the desired improvements would cost money, Suzanne Goodband, general manager of children's services for the rside Health Authority in London a unique position in this country has found that there is also a shortage of trained children's nurses. "We have to remember that the parent is the primary carer of the child, and that our role is to help them. If a parent is properly prepared and supported, then half our job is done, but there is a

desperate shortage of staff to do this."
Shelley says: "Our major task now is
to be the watchdog for children's
health services. Children are not even mentioned in the Government's NHS reorganization bill."

Belson adds: "You can still go on to any children's ward in any hospital on any day and still find children who are distressed and alone."

nigntwear, including dressing gown and slippers; cool clothes for hot wards during the day; watch or travel clock; tolletries; change for the telephone; a vacuum flask for coffee, or trabage and simple spacks: "It's a question of parent pressure,"
Shelley says. "It's like fathers being excluded from the labour ward. There are still many myths to overcome." ● For more information and details of publications and local branches, contact NAWCH, Argyle House, 29-31 Euston Road, London NW1 2SD (01-833 2041).

Sammy Goes to Hospital is availab

#### First Lady's eyes After last year's gruelling American election campaign, Barbara Bush had every MEDICAL staring eyes and ocular weakness — regress, and in most cases disappear. But in a few cases, as with the First

BRIEFING reason to hope that this year she could enjoy a less stressful time as presidential wife. Unfortunately, her thyroid

Dr Thomas Stuttaford gland has determined otherwise. She had to spend the past 10 days as an outpatient at the Walter Reed Army Hospital, undergoing treatment for infiltrative ophthalmopathy, a very trying complication of thyrotoxicosis (an overactive thyroid gland), for which she was originally treated at the same hospital in March. Infiltrative ophthal-

mopathy causes protrusion of the eyes and weakness of the ocular muscles, so that blurred vision becomes a problem and, in severe cases, double vision occurs. There are several causes of over-active thyroid, but when the signs and symptoms of overactivity, such as weight loss, tremor, excit-

sometimes irregular pulse, are associated with eye symptoms, the condition is known as Graves disease (after a 19th-century Irish physician). Usually as the other thyroid signs and symptoms are controlled - in the case of a woman of Mrs Bush's age this would have been achieved by taking radioactive iodine — the eye

ability, irritability, sweating, and a rapid,

occurs independently of other thyroid troubles, or it can either precede them or follow previous successful treatment; in the latter case the time gap has been known to be as long as 20 years. Treatment for infiltrative ophthalmopathy is difficult and the outlook uncertain. Mrs Bush's doctors have opted for a 10-day course of radiation therapy. Others prescribe very high doses of steroid drugs. When the condition has stabilized, surgical decompression of the orbit may ease pressure on the eyes. Likewise the slack in the ocular muscles can be taken up surgically, so that the balance between them can be restor-

infiltrative ophthalmopathy. The eyes become

progressively more prominent, projected for-

ward by an increase in pressure in the orbit

caused by an excess of orbital tissue. The

weakness of the eye muscles is due to lymphocytic infiltration into the muscles, so

Infiltrative ophthalmopathy occasionally

that their tone and balance is lost.

#### Cutting Bernard

frey Bernard's column in The Specialor who follow every twist and turn in his battle to remain mobile, if not healthy, will have been sorry to read that he is to undergo minor surgery. He has developed two egg-like cysts on the back of his head. Fortunately a medical friend was able to reassure him that they were no more than sebaceous cysts or, as they used to be known to Victorian doctors, wens. A sebaceous cyst forms as a result of the blocking of the small duct which carries the lubricating fat from the sebaceous gland to the surface of the skin.

Bernard is wise to have them removed, for quite apart from their unsightly appear-ance they can all too readily become infected, whereafter they are not only more difficult to excise but may give rise to a foul-smelling, chronically discharging abscess. Some-times the skin over the infected cyst breaks down, and the resulting ulcer, known as Cocks' Peculiar Tumour, although benign, looks so angry that it is often mistaken for a cancer. Edward Cocks was a surgeon at Guy's Hospital in the 19th century.

A sebaceous cyst can form in the skin on any part of the body other than the soles of the feet and the palms of the hand, which have no sebaceous gland, but they are most common in the hairy areas. Infection is particularly apt to occur if the cyst is subject to pressure or friction.

The operation is very straightforward; indeed, the Health Secretary, Kenneth Clarke, has determined that in future it will be done by GPs. The doctor makes an incision over the cyst, after which it can be shelled out intact, although some dissection from its underlying bed may be necessary if the cyst has been previously infected.

No convalescence is needed; Bernard will be fit to go from Harley Street to the Coach and Horses, where he will be able to celebrate his safe recovery in the knowledge that he is now no longer in danger of developing a Cocks'

#### Working lungs

There are only a

few MPs who can speak with first-hand experience medical ness of Sam Galbraith, a surgeon, just as the discussion on the NHS was getting under way is doubly unfortunate. Galbraith has pulmonary fibrosis and has recently undergone a lung transplant. Pulmonary fibrosis, an in-crease in the connective tissue in the lung, is essentially a scarring process, so that the useful lung tissue through which oxygen is absorbed into the bloodstream is replaced by useless fibrous tissue. The fibrosis results in increasing breathlessness. As the disease progresses, the inability of the lungs to oxygenate the blood strains the heart.

Pulmonary fibrosis can be divided into generalized or infections, for instance TB, lung abscesses, or under-treated pneumonia. Generalized pulmonary fibrosis is known

ed, and, one hopes, double vision eliminated. for in the past it was the scourge of mining communities. Until recently the most common cause of pulmonary fibrosis was exposure to dust inhalation at work. Coal miners who developed pneumoconiosis were not the only occupational groups to be at risk; silicosis, the oldest of all fibrogenic dust diseases, attacked a range of craftsmen from potters to carvers of granite tombstones. Exposure to asbestos also causes pulmonary fibrosis, as well as the more publicized malignancies.

Although the number of cases of generalized fibrosis due to occupational lung dis-ease has declined, other causes remain. Some are due to the collagen diseases, which include rheumatoid arthritis, and many patients with fibrosis - even if they have no joint pains - show blood tests which are positive for rheumatoid; but even when the most extensive investigations have been completed the cause in many patients remains unexplained, and the fibrosis has to be classified as idiopathic, doctors' jargon for unknown. Some idiopathic generalized pulmonary fibrosis is due to exposure to organic dusts, for the inhalation of particles of animal and vegetable material can set up a hypersensitivity pneumonitis, an inflammation of the lungs. Again the risk is widespread. Pigeon breeders are at risk from Bird Fancier's Lung, and Farmer's Lung follows the inhalation of mouldy hay.

This pneumonitis due to hypersensitivity should not be confused with acute asthma caused by dust. Asthmatics usually wheeze so badly when exposed to it that they have to leave the dangerous environto all readers of A.J. Cronin. ment before damage is done.

### Cutting back the jungle

Trees have a tendency to out-grow their surroundings. In her Gardening column in *The Times* on Saturday, Francesca Greenoak explains the technique of coppicing and other methods of trimming trees to a manageable size.

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### Falling from grace BREATHING

I've always been acchild I was quite good at all sports, but I was always getting bumps at football or hockey and broke my arm a couple of times. I had so much energy my parents were fed up with chasing me around, and sent me to judo classes.

As fer as you can, be

such as washing and feeding, dressing and undressing, just as you would at home.

What to pack: For your

child, a favourite toy; dummy or bottle if still in

use, or a favourite cup;

comfortable day clothes; a sponge bag with toiletries; a towel; and simple small

niohtclothes and

there to carry out the ordinary care of your child,

I took to the sport straight away. I was picked for the European Championships when I was 17, won it the following year, and took my first world title the year after that. I've been world champion four times, but can only recall one bout when I didn't have one little niggling injury or another. I trained right through Christmas for the Commonwealth Games, and I

reckon I should be ready. In January 1986 I broke a bone in the arch of my foot when my heel hit the mat during training. The European Championships were at Crystal Palace that March, the first major judo event ever held in this country, and I had won my second world title, so I had to compete. I suppose I was naughty, really, because using it so soon delayed the healing process. But I won the championship. Luckily I seem to heal well, and my foot was better

after nine months. It was in the first round of defending my world title the following year, 1987, that I broke my leg. The girl I was competing against stepped on the back of my leg. Everyone in the stadium but me heard





#### KAREN BRIGGS

Luckily it happened at Essen, Germany, and I was operated on within two hours in one of the best hospitals in the world. I had about five fractures of my tibia and fibula plus ruptured ligaments. I had to have two metal plates and 15 screws inserted in my leg. I spent a total of two-anda-half months in hospital.

British doctors told my parents I'd be lucky if I could ever walk properly again, let alone get back to judo. The plates stayed in for five months, though I'd been warned they might have to stay in for two years. Still, I fought and won the

Japanese Open at the end of the year. In Belgrade last October I regained the world title I'd lost because of the injury. The trouble was, I dislocated my shoulder in the final hold. Dr Ken Kingsbury, the team doctor, put it back for me straightaway. Then I had an exploratory operation to see if the capsule was damaged. It was and they repaired it there and then. The muscles have gone weal because I had the arm in a sling for five weeks. I have to be less than seven

stone eight pounds to compete in the bantam class, and I've got my weight down to seven stone six pounds without any trouble, just by training, which is lucky because I love my food. I just eat what I want when I want it. I don't know why I keep

getting injured. They say it could be that because I train very hard I'm bound to be more prone to injuries. I suppose the good thing

about being injured is that it forces me to rest. When I do retire I intend to go in for the triathlon. But first I want to take part in the 1992 Olympics. I'd love to get a gold. Interview by

Christine Webb **♦** Karen Briggs is the Sunday Times International Sportswoman of the Year and the Sportswriters' Association's Outstanding Sportswoman

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# **DIARY**

**ALAN HAMILTON** 

eports from the shires speak of such a glut of pheasants this year that some shoots are resorting to digging large holes to bury the excess bag — a practice which even the British Field Sports Society views as wasteful and distasteful. I hear of one estate in north Cambridgeshire which allegedly buried 400 brace it could not even give away. Game dealers don't want them, as they already have more birds than they can handle; a hot dry summer has pushed up the native population, and Britain has lost its traditional pheasant export markets on the continent to cheap imports from Eastern Europe. (No. not Romania; Ceausescu preferred blasting at bears. The main source is Hungary.) The British sporting fraternity plans a meeting to dream up ways of persuading us to eat more home-reared pheasant. I shall go along with them if it can produce an unleaded variety.

n the question of birds, I hear from Australia that an animal rights organization there is offering \$AI,500 to any battery chicken farmer prepared to swap places with his hears for a proper the money says the first week. To collect the money, says the Free Battery Hen Association, the farmer will have to live in a simulated battery cage constructed to scale inside his own chicken shed. The ockers, I gather, are hardly falling over themselves to volunteer.

Peace can take odd turns now that the Cold War has given way to room-temperature relations. Recently a party of 12 Aeroflot pilots and navigators on an English language course in Norwich, were given a jolly day out by the US Air Force at Lakenheath airbase in Suffolk. The guests were shown the F-111 fighter-bombers which raided Libya in April 1987. and invited to inspect their controls. USAF hospitality did not, however, extend to local television crews, who were barred from recording this unique event. Miffed BBC producer Philip Haworth tells me: "It seems glasnost worked between the Russians and Americans, but not between ourselves and the Americans." What ideas were planted in the pilots' minds I do not know, but I shall be even less keen than before to travel with the Soviet national carrier.

BARRY FANTONI



Someone had better tell the TUC'

gratifying response to my invitation to provide an item for this column ten years hence. Clearly readers are connoisseurs of malt whisky, as the lure of six bottles of The Glenlivet attracted a mountain of attempts to lay hands on them. Remarkable how many of you thought that by 1999 Mrs T would be life president, her PM would be Sebastian Coe, that a merger would have been effected between Canterbury and Rome, and that global warming would have made Britain a smaller place to live in. Numerous disqualifications were unavoidable, either because the writers had not attempted the style of these inches, or on grounds of taste. (I cannot, for example, entertain the idea of the Second Coming sponsored by the Daily Mail).

A bottle to Mark Malone of Bristol for. "L'Eau de Wessex's recent decision to follow our other national water companies by adding garlic to their imbibition fluids (European definition) comes at a troubling time for the Government, occurring in the same week as the Polish demonstrations against being the only remaining UK citizens still subject to the pole tax. Warsaw condemned such discrimination and vowed to join the people of Berlin in flying provisions over the Caledonian Wall to the blockaded Republic of Scotland, in addition to imposing sanctions on the British concern of Lawson's Economy Marts."

And another to Alan Leach of Cambridge for: "Yesterday, as concern grew over rising sea levels due to global warming, President Thatcher launched the 'Make Britain Higher' campaign, from the comfortable surroundings of the Tory Party HQ on Scafell Pike, Cumbria. It is intended that every British household will be issued with a regulation sack to fill with foreign soil while on holiday, and this will then be redeposited on low-lying land in Britain, thus creating a 'higher, happier country'. Meanwhile the forced resettlement of Labour Party members and Hong Kong refugees in the Fens continues unabated."

More winners on Tuesday.

# Gorbachov's forlorn hope

A foreign affairs expert, writing under the pseudonym Z, sees Soviet communism being swept away by the same forces at work in Eastern Europe - and urges the West to do nothing to prolong the agony

t is clear that 1989 will enter history as the beginning of communism's terminal crisis, and not just in Eastern Europe but from Berlin to Peking. It is also clear that perestroika and glasnost in the Soviet Union have only aggravated the systemic crisis they were intended to alleviate. They have done so because, like all forms of soft communism, they go against the logic of the system

they are trying to save.

Mikhail Gorbachov has been trying to promote soft communism through structures and a population programmed for hard communism. But the latter is the only variety of Sovietism that is the genuine article, for the essence of all varieties of Sovietism is party supremacy. Thus, the instrument of Gorbachov's reform – the party – is the basic cause of Sovietism's troubles.

The way out of this contradiction? As one Soviet reformer put it after the June party congress: "The country now stands at a crossroads. From here we either go the Chinese way or the Polish-Hungarian way." Although he obviously wished for the latter course, the alternative he posed may well be Hobson's choice.

The Chinese way since the Tiananmen Square massacre last June means relative, though now declining, market prosperity under a regime of political and military repression. Repression is certainly a possibility in Russia, but market prosperity is out of the question for the indefinite future. Conversely, the Polish-Hungarian way means genuine democracy, but in the midst of economic ruin so severe as to threaten the survival of the new constitutional order. In the Soviet Union, the

economic ruin is even worse than in Poland and Hungary, but real democracy, as opposed to mere democratization, is not even on the agenda. Thus, the Soviet way could well combine the worst of the Chinese and the Central European scenarios: economic failure in conjunction with an inexpungeable leading role for the party. Indeed, all paths of com-

munist reform seem to end in one or another type of impasse. Leninist regimes, when they enter their final decline, seem able only either to implode, as in Poland, Hungary, East Ger-many, Czechoslovakia and Romania, or to dig in their heels militarily to stave off implosion, as under Deng Xiaoping in 1989. The whole impossible enterprise of Lenin and Stalin was sustainable only as long as the human and material resources on which it fed retained the vitality to endure the burden of the regime, and as long as some modicum of material success undergirded the

party's monopolistic position. restructure Leninism is now giving way to the real problem of When these conditions ceased to hold, beginning with Deng's marketization of 1979 and how to dismantle the system, how to effect at last an exit from Solidarity's revolt of 1980, the communism. Perestroika is not a Communist parties' will to power began to flag and their solution but a transition to this exit. As Milovan Djilas, the people's habit of fear began to Yugoslav dissident, foresaw fade. For the Soviet party-state's early in perestroika, comsurvival, this development soon munism is not reforming itselfmade necessary the expedients it is disintegrating. of perestroika and glasmost. But these are only pale substitutes for the market and democracy, half-

way measures designed to square the circle of making the vivifying

forces of a resurrected society

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goals of reform, then the dual

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o as we rub our eyes in astonishment at the most stunning communist implosion of all, the collapse of the Berlin Wall, we should not conclude that the structures it shielded for so long can be transformed by a few reform decrees. The revolu-tionary rapidity of events in 1989 should not breed the illusion that the exit from communism these events presage

will itself be rapid.
And the most difficult case of all will be the Soviet Union, which, after all, has had 70, not 45 years of community. Furthermore, the Soviet party is a national institution, not an alien imposition, buttressed by the success against the German invaders in the Second World party has the military apparatus of a superpower.

these questions, we must first rephrase them. Succeed at what? Help him to do what? If by perestroika's success we mean producing a communist system that is economically effective and politically democratic, then the answer must be no. The fundamental structures of the Leninist system reached an inextricable impasse at the end of the 1970s, and the mounting contradictions of perestroika indicate that the system cannot be restructured or reformed, but can only either stagnate or be dismantled and replaced by market institutions over time.

Can Gorbachov succeed?

Should we help him? To answer

In this case, any Western aid to save or improve the existing system would be futile: on this score Gorbachov is beyond our help. Such aid would also work against the real interests of the restive Soviet peoples and thus of international stability. Like Western credits to the Polish party-state in the 1970s, aid to the Soviet government would only prolong the agony.

Yet, if by perestroika's success we mean effecting a transition from a party-state and a command economy to democracy and the market, then the answer unfortunately, must still be no.

• All paths of communist reform seem to end in impasse. Perestroika and

glasnost are halfway measures
designed to make a resurrected society
compatible with the party's leading
role. But the circle cannot be squared?

First of all, such a transition is not the aim of Gorbachov's perestroika; its aim, rather, is to salvage what it can of the existing system by halfway concessions to economic and human reality. Second, and even more important, such a transition would bring the end of the cardinal leading role and hence would amount to the self-liquidation of communism, some-thing Gorbachov clearly does

not intend to do. Still, events are pressing to-ward the dwindling away of the system, whatever the Soviet leadership's intentions and whoever that leader might be in the future. And here Western help could play a constructive role.

First, reducing the mutual burden of armaments, if carried out with due attention to legitimate security concerns, would ease the severity of the Soviet crisis (though it would not alter its structural causes). And Gorbachov has clearly indicated his willingness to engage in arms reductions, while taking care that the Soviet Union's international retreat does not turn

Second, although Western aid Soviet economic institutions in the state sector, it could be usefully applied to the piecemeal development of parallel structures in a private sector operating on market principles so as to promote economic and, even-tually, political pluralism. This could take the form, say, of free economic zones operating under International Monetary Fund conditions in such places as the Baltic states, Armenia or the Soviet Far East. In this case, the parallel sector, perhaps with its own convertible currency, would eventually spread across the Soviet Union.

Such a policy is, indeed, a modest approximation of the approach that Poland's new government is inaugurating. But what Gorbachov is prepared to accept for his outer empire in Eastern Europe (where he effectively lost control in 1988) would be much more difficult for him to accept for the inner empire, since foreign investment would imperil Soviet national sovereignty.

So Western investment, in joint or other enterprises in the Soviet Union would have to be handled without triumphalism about capitalism's superiority, and with due sensitivity to Soviet national pride. The West's aim should be to encourage the change of Soviet realities while leaving the old labels intact - in a kind of socialist Emperor-of-Japan

et, however the Soviet Union edges toward its particular exit from communism, this uncharted process can only be long and painful. Further crises will most likely be necessary to produce further, and more real, reform. And a last-ditch attempt to stave off ruin by curtailing destabilizing reform altogether could lead to that military reaction so feared by Moscow liberals.

And - who knows - in this scenario Gorbachov might be agile enough to become his own successor, or if perestroika ends in another 18th of Brumaire, to be his own Bonaparte. Gorbachov would be hard to replace because his international reputation is now the Soviet Union's chief capital asset; yet he could not afford to be a very tough Bonaparte, since he has become the prisoner of his foreign policy

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Obviously, none of these prospects is a cheering one, and none would be easy for the West to live alongside. But it is better to look realistically at the genuine options in the East as they have been moulded by 70 years of a failed Utopia than to engage in fantasies about Gorbachov as a demiurge of instant democracy or about the end of conflict in history. Nor should we forget that communism, however disastrous, has always been successful at one thing: resourcefulness and tenacity in holding on to its monopoly of power.

The Soviet world's transition to normality will be a long time coming. The party, though now dyed with the hues of glasnost and democratization, will ching to the bitter end, like some poisoned tunic, to the bodies of nations it has enfolded in its embrace for so many decades.

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### How to bring socialism back from the dead Ronald Butt warns the Tories against policies that alienate the public

the last decade, according to Mrs Thatcher's New Year message, is that "socialism has failed". As a self-contained enough if socialism is defined as a system based on the common ownership of (at least basic) means of production and distribution; it has proved unworkable in both its undemocratic

and democratic forms. But what is to follow the death of socialism? Does it simply leave the doctrine of market forces triumphant? In the newly enfranchized states of Eastern Europe it remains to be seen how complete will be the break with their past. But in most West European states the drive to reinterpret socialism in terms which would have horrified the founding fathers continues with few inhibitions. In Britain, however, while Mr Kinnock has made it clear what he does not want us to understand socialism to mean, we are largely in the dark about what is supposed to

be its new meaning. We know that Labour is sup-posed to have renounced the old

type of state ownership and management, the apparatus of planning, the full panoply of trade union power and unilateralism. But we begin the 1990s with little idea what Labour government would mean in practice. Voters have no such clear concept as they had in 1945 or, indeed, in 1964 when Harold Wilson proposed planning for growth with the unions and industry co-operating on economic targets, pay and prices. Today we know only that Labour would spend more, that this could hardly be done without higher taxation and that the market freedom of the privatized

utilities will be lost. Yet none of this will necessarily provide the Conservatives or market-Thatcherism, as we have known it, with a ticket for a fourth term, for socialism as a theory did not come into existence through some arbitrary political Big Bang but because

problems existed which called forth the theory and created a political constituency for it. It was a response to these ethically unacceptable by-products of the market - poverty, the inability or failure of those who prospered individually to meet the needs of those in adversity, and a lack of fairness in terms of a decent

living for the unskilled. Socialism, with its stultifying and imposed egalitarianism, was not the right answer. But the questions it purported to answer were valid, and they still are. Socialism may be dead philosophically, leaving Labour without a coherent replacement. But this would not suffice for another period of Conservative power if the Government forgot why socialism came into existence and why Labour gained power in 1945 and 1964. Mr Kinnock may not be able to define a new socialism but the Tories could provide Labour with what passes as such a definition simply by what they themselves fail to offer.

The political balance sheet has seldom been harder to interpret. On Mrs Thatcher's side are the facts that the nation wants to keep the sense of freedom and personal prosperity gained in the last decade, does not want to be over-burdened by taxation, supports trade union reform and generally favours privatization. wants inflation to be conquered.

Despite Labour's present healthy lead in the opinion polls, it will find it a much harder task than it was to win back many marginal seats because of the collapse of the centre. Mrs Thatcher also has the potential advantage that in a struggle between the sovereignty of Brussels and that of the elected Parliament at Westminster, most Britons will be on her side. But the simple substitution of "the market" for socialism is not enough. Of course, Tories never thought it was. If they had, they

would not remain as committed

as they are to massive social

spending. Nevertheless they con-

vey the impression that they regard spending on the public services as somehow less productive than it would be if it were in the private sector. Sir Robert Reid's warning on the failure to invest in the

railways makes the point. No other West European nation expects passengers to travel in such discomfort on so unreliable a service. No other nation so under-invests in railways. The Germans, whose strong currency testifies to their market conviction, do not hesitate to accept that the publicly-owned railways exist to serve the public and that services cannot be determined purely by profit. Ministers could mull over the tenet of the German social market economy: "As little state as possible, as much state as is necessary."

Kenneth Clarke's refusal to bring forward an imaginative solution to the ambulancemen's stoppage is similarly sympto-natic. Though it is essential not to make a precedent for coming wage claims, the risk to pute a special case. When Mr Clarke emphasizes that most ambulancemen are simply drivers rather than paramedics (though the majority do have first aid qualifications) he only draws attention to the fact that the Government ought, for our safety, to insist on higher qualification and pay for them. The public services matter to

us all: the morale of hospital staff, poor rail and tube transport and unrepaired streets, public service retrenchment when inflation was first being contained was one thing. But inflation then returned, not because of government over-spending but because of the Government's failure to control a private credit spree. Whether the maintenance of

public service standards will require some overall increase in taxation or simply a stop on paying off the national debt remains to be seen, but if the Government were to sacrifice the quality of the public services to pay for its own failure to keep inflation away, it could provide the re-definition of socialism which Kinnock needs.

On this occasion a man in a

#### The jewel in British Rail's crown is the service from Victoria station to Gatwick: a short journey, high fares, substantial occu-pancy - like you travel standing up, somebody stands on one of your feet while someone else is resting his suitcase on the other. When the railways are privatized this service is likely to be an Anglian Water among rail stock,

probably bought up by SNCF. Now you would think that the provider of such golden eggs would receive quite special care and attention. If so, you would think wrong. As the estimable Sir Robert Reid is about to make way for a man of the same name, here is a letter.

Dear Mr Reid, When I left Victoria for Gatwick a fortnight ago there was a queue more than 40 people strong at each of the two ticket windows. Would it not be good

# Flying the Gatwick not-so-special

sense to have a sign showing where there are other windows, an express facility for people paying cash, or a ticket machine such as you have on some platforms? Airline passengers already have to check in two hours before a flight, mostly - one suspects - so that the British Airports Authority can make wonderful profits selling them "duty-free" boxes of chocolates. Need one also get to the station half an hour before the train's

departure to buy a ticket? On the train the public address system cleared its throat and announced that anyone found sitting in a first-class carriage without a first-class ticket would be made to pay a supplement. You and I know this meant there was no ticket inspector on this service and BR was putting on the frighteners. People not versed in such chicanery would think more of BR if it explained that firstclass travel is more comfortable. less crowded and "if you do not have the relevant ticket you are most welcome to sit there for an extra payment".

Gatwick has become the white cliffs of Dover - the first sight many foreigners get of Britain. If the foreigner looks carefully around the airport he will see some of your notices: "Fast, clean trains leave for London every 15 minutes until 2300 and hourly



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throughout the night." Might not these notices also give the standard fare, so that a party of four could work out if it is cheaper to take a taxi? Why not publish the number of minutes after each

hour that the trains leave, enabling passengers to time their approach to the platform, hurry if haste is required, dawdle and buy an up-to-date newspaper if they

have minutes to spare?
Platforms 1 and 2 appear to be for London trains. Why not erect a sign showing in which direction the train will move, for people carrying heavy luggage prefer to take it to the business end rather than battle through the crowds at Victoria - where you really might provide trolleys for incoming

On the return journey last Thursday evening the illuminated sign proclaimed "Next Train departs 22.66"... and not

a BR soul in sight to make sense of that. After 18 minutes' wait an compartments are at the front of the train; the front is at the opposite end to the engine, while the back, which is nearest the engine, is for standard ticket-

When I had a train set, I found it easier for engines to pull carriages than push them; in action I understand it enables drivers to see where they are going and gives them extra space to stop if there is an impediment. Should modern technology decree that it is better to push, why not make a virtue of this: "British Rail. Where the

engines are at the back"?

dark suit and yellow tie with a motif of orange cranes came into our carriage and said "Good evening, may I see your tickets?" He may have been a bored passenger, he certainly wore no badge of office, not even a hat an article of clothing which I think is so reassuring, indeed essential, on railway officials though he did carry a chipper like the one I got for my seventh birthday: a good machine for those into ticket clipping.

He was the warmest thing that happened to us on the journey; if he was one of yours, well done. If the man pushing the trolley with lukewarm drinks and expensive sandwiches belongs to you, I take back the praise. His goods reminded me of the Czech saying, "If you put crap on a shelf, it

Sincerely, Clement Freud

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#### **DEVOLVE AND RULE?**

Devolved government for Northern Ireland is back on the agenda. It is easier, however, to settle what the speech made on Tuesday by the Northern Ireland Secretary does not mean than to say what it might become.

There is no evidence in what Mr Brooke said that the Government is preparing to "abandon" the Anglo-Irish Agreement. It would be a disgraceful betrayal if it were, but the speech bears no such construction. It is hard to believe that its general and innocuous phrasing could even be such a hint delivered in code.

If some administrative powers were devolved to a local administration, meeting the long-held British criteria for "power-sharing", those matters would not be reviewed by British and Irish ministers meeting under the auspices of the Agreement. Nor, presumably, would they be handled by the joint secretariat which has become the symbol of the Agreement valued as such by the Roman Catholic minority, loathed as such by many Unionists.

That change would not cancel the Anglo-Irish Agreement, although it would change it. Many matters would still remain for London and Dublin to co-ordinate. It is just possible to imagine a situation in which so many powers were devolved that the scope and significance of the Agreement were greatly diminished. But even then, defence matters would still rest with the United Kingdom Government and that in Northern Ireland, entails the involvement of the national Government in local security. But this is all very far from the realms of practical possibility in the 1990s.

The Agreement itself starts clause 5(c) with these careful words: "If it should prove impossible to achieve and sustain devolution on a basis which secures widespread acceptance in Northern Ireland ... That war-weary formulation points to the second exclusion from Mr Brooke's hopeful recital: it contained no detail on what had changed in the positions of the major players.

It may be that Mr Brooke knows more than he is telling - any chairman of such negotiations knows that to expose prematurely a position which has quietly shifted is often enough to cancel the shift. It seems more likely, however, that his speech was intended as mood music: designed to provide a gently harmonious background for politicians in a mood to talk and a token that the Government has not lost interest in devolution. It also openly notes that, over time, the hostility of at least some Unionist politicians to the Agreement has softened.

There are still a number of problems to be overcome and Mr Brooke's speech gives few clues as to whether they can be. That softening of the Unionist insistence on the suspension of the Agreement as a pre-condition of any devolution negotiation has been accompanied by a deepening split among Unionists over whether they wish to integrate further into the United Kingdom or to continue the quest for devolution. A good measure of internal agreement among Unionists is necessary before any participation in devolved administration could be contemplated or sustained. Does it exist?

The SDLP has already made depressing noises about the general ideas in the speech. Concentration on devolution was premature, said a spokesman for Mr John Hume. The SDLP suggests that talks should be held on nothing but the essentials of the problem which, in translation, can only mean the consideration of further moves towards joint authority, confederation or unification.

These reactions sit oddly with the clear commitment of the Agreement to seek a fair form of devolved government for the province. Is the SDLP rejecting that aspect of the Agreement? It would be useful to know the answer before the Northern Ireland Office proceeds any further on the course set by Mr Brooke. If anything does emerge from the embryo of his speech, it will certainly focus exclusively on devolution, If the SDLP is not interested, the secretary of state would be better advised using his time on other more worthwhile subjects.

Well, yes. And possibly a favour to the

country, too. As we argued at the beginning of

the dispute, one reason for the resurgence of

inflation is the inadequacy of industrial

productivity in this country compared with

that of our competitors. A reduction in

working hours would almost certainly lead to

increased overtime, which would inflate wage

M Pierson is probably huffing and puffing

when he talks about sending BAe a bill to cover lost production. Article 7 of the Airbus

regulations certainly renders a partner liable to

meet part of the costs if it is unable to fulfil its

this sanction can only be applied when the

circumstances leading to non-performance are

They are, for all that, as aware as M Pierson

is of the damage that the strike could inflict on

the credibility of the consortium. It is

particularly galling because it comes at a time

when Airbus seemed at last to be moving away

from some of the structural and financial

absurdities characterisitic of its earlier years -

in planning for the launch of its latest

derivative, for instance, it has for the first time

Mr Jordan therefore has the satisfaction of

knowing that his action is now having an

impact not only in this country, but in France

and Spain and Germany as well. He may also

remember that in September, when he

announced that he had an £8 million war chest

at his disposal to sustain the strike indefinitely.

worked too hard to revitalize our industry to

The industry in question is now European

rather than British in scale. Mr Jordan might

be wise not to plan any fraternal visits to the

plants in Madrid or Hamburg or St Nazaire

just at the moment. Solidarity has its limits.

Nor should he count on his conduct of the

dispute doing much for him if there is a left-

wing challenge when he comes up for re-

election this year. Gratitude has its limits, too.

"We don't like strikes, and we have

made approaches to the open market.

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bills and raise British wage costs.

within the partner's control.

#### MR JORDAN'S OWN GOAL

The managing director and chief executive officer of Airbus Industrie, M Jean Pierson, is a man with a robust management style and a reputation for forthrightness. The strike which has affected output at the Preston and Chester plants of British Aerospace has now lasted for nine weeks and is threatening to bring assembly work at Toulouse to a halt. On Tuesday, M Pierson decided that the time had come to speak his mind, "Part of the art of good management is in being able to handle labour The problem of the relations", he said. If he had guessed that the strike would last so long, he would have shut down the assembly line sooner to provoke a crisis, "We were too intelligent", he said.

M Pierson's exasperation is understandable. Nineteen eighty-nine was a record year for the European consortium. It achieved a 22.5 per cent share of the market, and had been hoping to push that figure closer to 30 per cent in 1990. It took firm orders for 421 aircraft, valued at 12 100k mm orders for the antique value with 1234 billion. It is close to clinching a deal with the Soviet airline Aeroflot for up to 10 A310-300s. Just as Boeing, its main competitor, is beginning to pick up after a damaging industrial dispute in Seattle, Airbus has had to watch its production rate dwindle to one a month - before the strike began, it had got it up to 11. With British Aerospace no longer able to deliver the wings, the rest of the intricate Airbus operation will now grind to an expensive halt.

The strike is in pursuit of a claim for shorter hours. The unions began by demanding a reduction to 35 hours - two hours less than in West Germany. British Aerospace says that it is ready to come down to 37 hours, but only in teturn for cost-saving productivity improvements. The company has also declined to negotiate further unless the men first return to work.

Mr Bill Jordan, the president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, professes to the nonplussed by what he calls BAe's obstinacy. "I can only assume", he said loftily this week, "that they think they are doing the Government a favour in some way by resisting shorter working hours".

#### AN EVIL TRADE

he said,

want to see it damaged".

The volume of illegal drugs seized by customs officers, measured in street value, went up by 40 per cent in Britain last year. The number of those caught smuggling them rose still more sharply, setting new records which must be

gratifying for the Government. Congratulations for those involved, however, must be tempered by an awareness of the realities behind the statistics. The 50 per cent increase in confiscated cocaine and the 331 kilograms of heroin (enough for 11 million injections) are due only in part to the vigilance of the customs men. They also reflect the

growth of the drugs traffic. Yesterday's provisional figures contained one especially worrying statistic. About four out of every 10 drugs consignments detected were being brought into Britain from other parts of the European Community, particularly from Holland and Spain. In many cases "day trippers" from the Continent were used

to smuggle hard drugs into this country. This has ominous implications for the future. What will happen after 1992, when border checks throughout the Community are eased? The prospect of a single market for drug traffickers is one which must give the

authorities pause for thought. Last year must go down as a bad one for the drugs barons. The priority accorded by President Bush to fighting them, the declaration of open war on the cartels by President Barco of Colombia and the arrest by the Americans of General Noriega, have taken place against a backdrop of growing international co-operation. About 160 international drug rings were smashed as a result and profits

totalling £5 million were seized. Despite all this, however, the drugs industry still flourishes. Countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan and India (identified as the main sources of heroin) may co-operate. Aid programmes may be mounted to help them meet the costs of law enforcement and relieve any economic dependence on drugs money. But the syndicates are too well organized and the profits which they earn are far too tempting, for them to be driven out of business altogether.

This is not an argument for legalizing drugs. However much that might erode profits, it would be an entirely self-defeating exercise. It is rather an argument for tackling the demand. To some extent the Third World is correct in identifying the drugs problem in the West as one for Western society to tackle.

President Bush recognized last year that no solution to the drugs menace would be found unless thousands of young Americans could be persuaded that drugs bankrupt, cripple and eventually kill their victims. That stark, simple message must somehow be conveyed to them.

Most governments will argue that they have been trying to do that for the last two decades. To which it must be said that they have not tried hard enough. A comprehensive international campaign, sharply focused on teenagers and young adults, must now be mounted as a leading priority in the West.

A chance to plan this will arise in April when Britain, in conjunction with the United Nations, will play host to a ministerial summit to discuss this very problem. Last year saw an encouraging assault on the suppliers. We should concentrate this year on the consumers, because it is upon them, in the end, that the drugs industry depends.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Lack of vision on railways

From Dr Chris Gossop Sir, Sir Robert Reid's fierce criticism (report, January 9) of Government policy towards our railways highlights the sad fact that Britain is failing to plan properly for the transport infrastructure we shall undoubtedly need in the 1990s and beyond.

What is lacking is any real vision by the Government of the contribution that the railways can make to the future development and prosperity of our country. As Sir Robert rightly points out, things are very different on the Continent, with the French, in particular, forging ahead with massive investment in their TGV high-speed train network and exploiting this to the full as a tool to encourage economic dev-

Properly exploited, the Channel tunnel could provide an immense fillip to our own railway system. Unfortunately the determination that three years ago led to a decision to build the tunnel did not extend to the infrastructure that will be needed to serve it. The Government assumed that this was something that could be handled purely by British Rail, together with the private sector. But at the same time there was to be absolutely no public subsidy provided and a clause to this effect was actually built into the Channel Tunnel Act.

This shortsighted attitude has led to the recent decision to scrap plans for a tunnel under London to connect the proposed inter-national terminal at King's Cross with the high-speed rail link to the Channel tunnel. The result is a second-best solution which could lead to serious delays in future for trains from anywhere on the north side of the Thames.

Brish Rail's latest plan (report, December 15) must go beyond the single passenger train to Paris and Brussels daily down each of the east and west coast main lines, while its proposals for freight are similarly unambitious.

If the United Kingdom is to benefit fully from the Channel tunnel we need the best possible rail links to all parts of the country. The danger is that with-out such links business will increasingly perceive the parts to Britain "beyond London" as places in which they should not invest. And as our trade with the Continent increases we face the likelihood of a further concentration of economic activity in the already overheated south-east of England and a further worsening of the quality of life for those of us who live and work there. Yours sincerely, HRIS GOSSOF

(Deputy Director), Town and Country Planning 17 Cariton House Terrace, SW1. January 9.

#### **Battles of Alamein**

From Mr Correlli Barnett Sir, Your report (January 5) on Manfied Rommel receiving the CBE mentions that his father, Field Marshal Rommel, was defeated in the second Battle of Alamein in October-November, 1942, but omits to mention that the turning point of the Desert War was the first Battle of Alamein, in July, 1942, when the 8th Army, led by General Sir Claude Auchinleck, and his Chief of Staff, Major-General Eric Dorman-Smith, stopped Rom-mel's offensive in full career and threw him on to the defensive.

In conducting the battle Auchinleck and Dorman-Smith brilliantly exploited Ultra decrypts of German Enigma top-secret cyphcred signals which revealed the location of German and Italian formations as well as Rommel's own plans and the state of his ELTITY. Yours faithfully

CORRELLI BÁRNETT. Churchill College, Cambridge January 7.

#### Seasonal pastime

From Mr James Kellaway Sir, Mr Stent (January 8) can hardly cite New Year's Day croquet as an indication of global warming. Croquet has been played at Compton Croquet Club, here in Eastbourne, on fine winter days for many years, with enthusiasts casting a hopeful eye out of the window, in particular on Boxing

A notable member was Lord Tollemache who, 40 years ago, played regularly throughout the winter months, by himself when he could not find an opponent. He was exceptionally devoted to the game, about which he wrote at length, and when the weather was unfavourable he would practise short roquets at home, aiming at a sixpence on the carpet.

Yours sincerely, JAMES KELLAWAY (Chairman, Compton Croquet Club), 79 Saffrons Court, Compton Place Road, Fanthourne, East Sussex.

From Mr W. R. Bawden Sir, At the Cheltenham Croquet Chub we have 10 lawns in play in summer, four in winter. Frost and snow apart, there is hardly a winter day when the game is not olayed.

Winter croquet here is so popu-

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(01)782 5046.

#### Museum charges case contested

entry to a source of cultural

enrichment. But the committee

pays homage, albeit hesitantly, to

a modish managerial value by

recommending (p. xiii) that "all

national museums and galleries should consider introducing com-

Now attendance figures, prop-

erly-conducted visitor surveys,

charging mechanisms all seriously

question the practical benefit of

what the committee itself accepts

(p. xiv) would be "marginal (and

Moreover, not only in numer-ous fora in this country, but in a

recent conference called by the

National Bureau of Economic Research in the USA, urgent

concern has been expressed about the failure of nerve which tempts

institutions, in order to attract paying visitors, to offer peripheral

entertainments at the expense of

properly caring for and building

interest in the permanent collec-tions they were designed to house.

nature of what they offer the mind

and spirit, only emerges with familiarity, with the repeated vis-its fostered by free entry. To

propose concessions (p. xiv) is arrogantly to suppose that Some-

one knows the nature of the interest, and the contents of the

pockets, of old and young, healthy

and infirm, native and foreign.

There should be no barrier at the

The way to give the nationals the break they responsibly need is

through adequate core funding,

not charging. Yours faithfully, JOHN HALE, 26 Montpelier Row,

January 10.

Twickenham, Middlesex.

highly praised by her,

From the Reverend Denis Shaw

Sir, In a small lodge belonging to

Clewer Parish Church, Windsor,

we have a Museum of Local History, which, as *The Times* reported, was visited by the Duch-

ess of York last June, and was

It was founded in 1981 and for a

few years we had a modest entry

fee. Two years ago we stopped charging for admission and, in-

The true value of these, the

somewhat unpredictable) income".

and calculations of the costs of

oulsory admission charges".

From the Director of the British Museum and others

Sir, The report of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts. Should museums charge? Some case studies (published today) recommends that national museums and galleries should consider introducing compulsory admission charges. Our trustees have considered this question many times over the years. However, the question of free access to public collections is far too serious to be decided on less than comprehensive evidence.

As directors of the three mostvisited, non-charging museums in Britain we must express our surprise and disappointment that the committee should have chosen to be so selective in the evidence which it sought. We believe that the degree of imbalance is such as to raise serious questions about the validity of the conclusions reached.

Admission to most of the national art collections in the United Kingdom is free. The overwhelming majority of the museum profession supports free entry. Yet invited to appear before the committee were two directors who support compulsory charging for admission, one who supports voluntary charging, and only one director who runs a non-charging

Furthermore, it was suggested to the committee that they should visit Washington or Berlin (where the national collections are free) but they declined to look at that side of the picture. The only foreign country visited was France, which has a very different museum culture from our own and a quite different history of State funding for the arts.

The result is, we believe, a flawed and unhappy document which adds only heat and not light to the debate. We trust that neither Parliament nor the public will take the conclusions of this report too

seriously.
Yours faithfully,
DAVID M. WILSON
(The British Museum), NEIL MACGREGOR (National Gallery), NICHOLAS SEROTA (Tate Gallery), The British Museum Great Russell Street, WC1. January 10. From Professor Sir John

Sir, The report of the education, science and arts committee notes (p. vi) that it is Government policy that charging should be at the discretion of the trustees. It is a policy that has been reiterated, in both Houses, during the past years, and perhaps owes some-thing to Government's professed

Changing times From Mr Peter Sotheran Sir, The Government is to allow a

Cleveland is 240 miles porth of

Redcar, Cleveland. From Professor Emeritus

Sir, Your leading article of Janu-

#### each of the four lawns to be double-banked (two games simultaneously in progress on the same lawn), and even to see a lawn treble-banked, so great is the

lar that it is not uncommon for

In general, the great majority of our winter all-week players fall into the 60-84 age group. Tough golden oldies indeed. Yours,

V. R. BAWDEN. 9 Trowscoed Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Malcolm McGregor Sir, I can assure Mr Stent that global warming" is not essential to enable croquet playing on New Year's Day. I was unable to attend this year's annual International New Year's Curry and Croquet Festival, held in Denmark last week. The tradition originated in Tonga some years ago. For some reason Gammel Dansk and pumpkin curry must be served.

Roqueting was made more interesting by a couple of inches of snow on the lawn. A paraffin heater was required on the pitch to keep the balls warm. Teams taking part represented Denmark, Sweden, Tonga, Holland, and the United Kingdom. There is no report of who won the, now lost, Japanese squeaky doli trophy. Yours faithfully, MALCOLM McGREGOR,

14 Prince of Wales Terrace, Scarborough, North Yorkshire,

#### Civil Servants' homage to certain values inherent in Britain's past, in this case, free

From the General Secretary of the Association of First Division

Sir, Your leader of January 6 on the new code of conduct for Civil Servants accused the FDA of "what looks like a piece of opportunism" and stated baldly that the "Government is right

ognises the crucial difference be-tween "all" and "most" as merely "hair-splitting" falls short of *The* Times's usually high standard of verbal accuracy. An absolute duty is, after all, different from a qualified one, however exceptional the qualification may be.

inspectors, have statutory duties dependently. Others have legal and professional duties - for have a duty to the courts,

The absolute nature of the required confidentiality and loyalty is well understood to be qualified already. We have consistently opposed departures from this position, and must do so again in respect of the proposed new code paragraphs.

You have dismissed loftily what you term "that mythical entity, the Crown". Many Civil Servants, indeed many members of the public, would take a different view. Where the political neutrality of a Crown servant is compromised the individual should have the right to appeal to the Crown. In practical terms this would mean access to an ombudsman or tribunal of privy councillors.

Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH SYMONS, General Secretary, Association of First Division

stead, placed a box by the entrance for contributions to maintenance. Civil Servants, 2 Caxton Street, SW1. Our income rocketed, Instead of producing a stipulated fee on January 9. entering, visitors now make a voluntary donation. It is always considerably higher than our for-Tit for tat

mer charge. Yours eld DENIS SHAW, Clewer Rectory, 14 Parsonage Lane, Windsor, Berkshire.

all of Scandinavia is well to the

east of Scotland, and that, for

example, in Glasgow the sun rises

more than one hour later than in

Copenhagen, since it is 16° 48' west of Copenhagen and a little further

Sir, Your leading article suggests that the lot of farmers has been

eased by the practice of over-

wintering cows in sheds at night to

save rounding them up on cold,

dark mornings. To my own know-

ledge, as an ex-dairyman, this has

always been the practice of dairy

Increasing the duration of cold,

dark mornings by altering GMT would not militate against the

milking tedium; on the contrary, it

would add to it and increase the

expense of the operation.

Yours sincerely.

#### January 3. ary 6 contrasts Scotland, where

north.

farmers.

Yours faithfully

O. A. W. DILKE.

Moorfield, Huby,

Leeds, West Yorkshire.

From Mr J. D. Howell

putting clocks forward one hour in the winter is opposed, with the Scandinavian countries, which free vote on whether or not to seem to have no particular align the British working day with difficulty in adjusting". that on mainland Europe. What is not mentioned is that

London, yet 200 miles south of Edinburgh. Four million people live in this and the four neighbouring northern counties. During the experiment of 20 years ago, for 10 or 12 weeks we travelled to work and school in the dark. Our children had to wear fluorescent sashes and armbands. In my workplace morale and efficiency fell and tempers shortened. Some of us saw natural daylight only at weekends. For what purpose? Business in the town was not

This association represents 96 businesses in Cleveland. We oppose the proposed change. Those of us with international business are quite capable of adjusting our working hours to suit our overseas colleagues. Why should the public as a whole suffer? Yours faithfully,

PETER SOTHERAN (Chairman, Redcar Business Association), A. A. Sotheran Ltd.,

J. D. HOWELL 16 Ennerdale Drive, Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancashire. From Mr Peter Laws

Sir, Your leader states that dawn arrives significantly later in large tracts of the Celtic fringe than it does "in the South". There is approximately 45 min-

utes' difference between sunrise at Lowestoft and in west Cornwall, and even more all along the western parts of Ireland, including the far west of Ulster. The abolition of Greenwich Mean Time would be looked upon with trepidation here. Yours faithfully, PETER LAWS. 21 Lidden Road. Penzance, Cornwall.

#### The new Komania From Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home

Sir, I see from your news report (January 4) that the so-called Chief Rabbi of Romania, Moses Rosen, is still in Bucharest. I wonder how long the Romanian people will let him stay.

You omitted to mention that he was sent as chief emissary to praise the Ceausescu regime on many delicate missions round the world. Furthermore, Rosen has no true rabbinical background and, according to the true Chief Rabbi of Romania, Dr Alexandre Safran was not chosen by the Jewish community. Safran is still alive, in spite of being hounded out of Romania with death threats by the communists in 1947. Rosen was privy to this campaign.

Yours sincerely, JESSICA DOUGLAS-HOME, 63 Hillgate Place, W8. January 9.

### code of ethics

Civil Servants

because it has been consistent".

Perhaps it is worth remembering that the FDA has been entirely consistent in our approach to a code of ethics for Civil Servants. Our proposed code, published by this association in 1986, is clear in its commitment to pursue dili-gently the implementation of Government policies and to pre-serve the confidences of ministers, by a politically neutral Civil Service which is expected to serve a succession of administrations.

To accuse anyone who rec-

Some Civil Servants, such as tax which require them to act inexample, Government lawyers

From Lord O'Hagan, MEP for Devon (European Democrat (Conservative))
Sir, Now that the Labour Party has abandoned the closed shop, is it not time for the Conservative Party to think about reforming the House of Lords? Yours faithfully, O'HAGAN. 12 Lyndhurst Road,

#### Faithful friends

Exeter, Devon.

January 5.

From Mr Christopher Frv Sir, I took over my Corona portable 1917 model from the father of Richard Rodney Bennett when he changed his machine for

a new one in 1930. I have been clattering away on it for 60 years and, as you (if not your readers) see, there is no good reason to replace it. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER FRY, The Toft, East Dean, Chichester, Sussex. January 5.

From Lieutenant-Colonel

Peter Thorp Sir, A very faithful and efficient friend is about to see daylight, as it does for one day every year in January, to help make the marmalade. It is a Spong patent slicer, bought by my mother around

Since the thickness of the cut can be instantly varied by the turn of a thumb screw and it never wears out, it is far better suited to its job than any modern electric mincer/slicer/what-have-you.

It cost 9s. 8d. (nearly 50p). The price was, of course, printed on the

Yours faithfully, J. P. THORP. Elm Cottage, Knightsbridge Road, Camberley, Surrey. January 4.

Name calling

From the Reverend S. J. Davies Sir, Your perennially interesting league-table of baptismal names (January 1) prompts me to enquire whether the name Florence was ever given in the United Kingdom prior to Florence Nightingale's return from the Crimea, and her consequent fame.

It would be interesting to hear if among your readers there is any family record of this name being used before the Crimean War. Perhaps I may add that my first grandchild has very recently been named Florence. Yours sincerely.

S. J. DAVIES, The Devon & Exeter Institution, Cathedral Close, Exeter, Devon. January 5.

Sir, Mariegold Cowsill (January 5) may be possessed of one of the most unpopular Christian names, but surely it is also one of the most optimistic? Yours faithfully MERIEL THORNE. 45a Haldane Road, SW6.

From Miss Meriel Thorne January 5.

Inspector G.V. Newman

The engagement is announced

between Inspector Gregg Victor Newman, Royal Hong Kong Police, only son of Mr and Mrs

B.V. Newman, of Johannesburg,

Africa, and Joanna Louis

only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.I. Beard, of East Horsley,

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Overton, of King's

Norton, Birmingham, and Susan daughter of Mr and Mrs B.C. Drury, of Broadstairs,

Christopher Spence and Nancy Kline The engagement is announced

and the marriage will take place in June, between Christopher

some evidence that it might help muscle cells maintain their shape. If this is true, then the

dystrophia works so well could be that the massive deletion does

be that the massive deletion does not affect the protein's ability to bind to the other proteins that form the skelston of the muscle

form the skeision of the muscle cell.

This research could have haportant implications for gene therapy for muscular dystrophy. Although scientists have not yet developed the sophisticated technology needed to perform gene therapy for any disease, one idea is that viruses carrying healthy human dystrophin generould be used to infect muscular dystrophy patients. The viruses

dystrophy patients. The viruses would enter the patients' cells sanggling the healthy genes

into their chromesomes where they could function as replace-ments for the defective genes already present.

idea, however, is that the normal

dystrophin gene is very large, probably too large to squeeze into a virus particle. But the new

that a handy dystrophin minigene, small enough to be inserted into a virus, might prove

ndequate as a replacement for the defective genes that cause severe Duchenne suscular dys-

@ Nature-Times News Service, 1990

BIRTHS: Il Parmigianino painter, Parma, Italy, 1503; Alexander Hamilton, American

statesman, Nevis, West Indies, 1755; Sir John Macdonald, 1st

prime minister of Canada, 1867-73, 1878-91, Glasgow, 1815;

William James, psychologist, New York, 1842; George Cur-zon, Marquess Curzon of

Kedleston, viceroy of India 1898-1905, Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, 1859, Harry Gor-

don Selfridge, founder of the store bearing his name, Ripon, Wisconsin, 1864.

DEATHS: Sir Hans Sloane, physician and collector,

Anniversaries

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David Concar

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reason why the

States of America.

and Miss J.L. Beard

Mr M. Overton and Miss S.M.B. Drusy

Surrey.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 10: The Prince of Wales received the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (the Right Hon John Gummer, MP)

at St James's Palace.
His Royal Highness, Colonelin-Chief, The Royal Regiment
of Wales, received LieutenantColonel Christopher Elliott upon relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and Lieuten-ant-Colonel Peter Kerruish upon assuming the appoint-ment, at St James's Palace. This afternoon The Prince of Wales presented the East of England Agricultural Society Awards at St James's Palace.

The Duke of Gloucester is to become President of Citizen Action's Parents Against To-bacco 1990 Campaign.

#### Institution of Electrical Engineers

The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the cla of Fellow and are permitted to



#### Mr J. C. Gillis

A service of thanksgiving for James Clare Gillis will take place Monday, January 15, 1990, at 7.30 pm, at St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road,

#### Sir John and Lady Cameron

Sir John and Lady Cameron celebrated the 60th Anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday,

#### **European Ball**

The European Union of Women held their third dance on January 6, at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Hyde Park. The guest of honour was Sir Christopher Prout, QC, MEP. Five hundred guests were received by Mrs A Guillaume, Chairman of EUW, and Mrs J. Gornall, Chairman, the European Ball.

#### Marriage

Mr J.M. Folman and Mrs E.A. Inness The marriage took place in Nottingham on December 30, between John Merrett Folman and Elizabeth Anne Inness, née

#### **Appointments**

Latest appointments include: Mr Graham Burton to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, in succession to Mr M. L. Tait, who has taken up a further Diplomatic Service appointment in London.

#### Latest wills

Lady Hanbury, of Great Amwell, wife of Sir John Hanbury, former chairman of Allen and Hanbury's, left estate valued at £5,066,489 net. She left her estate mostly to

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C.G. Brenzidge and Miss M. Stewart-Wilson The engagement is announced between John Charles Godfrey, eldest son of Sir John and Lady Bremridge, of Church House, Bradford-on-Avon, and Maria, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs Ralph Stewart-Wilson, of Balnakeilly.

Mr A.M. Duthie and Miss A. Aberros

The engagement is announced between Andrew Marr, youngest son of Professor Sir Herbert and Lady Duthie, of Radyr, Cardiff, and Andrea, elder daugther of Mr and Mrs Noel Ahearne, of Kingston apon

and Miss V.S. Long The engagement is announced between Charles James, eldest

Northampton, and Mrs Paulina Kennell, of Littlehampton, and Veronica, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Long, of Kent.

Dr E.J. Ferguson and Miss P.V. Stuart

The engagement is announced between Ewen James, eldest son of Dr and Mrs James, etdest son of Dr and Mrs James Ferguson, of Newton Mearns, Glasgow, and Patricia Vivien, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K.C. Stuart, of North Aston, Oxfordshire.

Lt Cdr R.W. Fraser, RN and Miss I.P.M. Clapham

and Miss LP.M. Clapham
The engagement is announced
between Robert, younger son of
Mrs K.M. Fraser and the late Mr
G.S. Fraser, of Higher
Bebington, Wirral, and Isobel,
only daughter of Lt Col and Mrs
A.D. Clapham, of Idmiston,
Solishery

Mr M.D.R. Hamps and Miss A.C.D. Knowles

The engagement is announced between Martin David Reay, son of Mr and Mrs D.V.T. Hampson, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire, and Anderley Claire Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Knowles, of Colchester, Essex.

The discovery of a man aged 61 living a normal life despite lacking almost half of a vital gene for muscle function raises hopes for a better understanding of muscles despite described.

In a report in today's issue of Nature (vol 343, pp 180-182)
Kay Davies, of the Institute of Molecular Medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford,

and her colleagues conclude that the man's truncated gene (or minigene) works almost as well as the whole gene found in healthy judividuals. The

researchers suggest that the minigene could be used in the future for treating severe cases of muscular dystrophy by gane

d in 1983 that Ducker

muscular dystrophy, an inherited disease that affects males, is due to defects in the gene for

dystrophin. This a large protein essential for bealthy muscle function. Patients suffering from

Duchenne amscular dystrophy, which affects more than 1 in every 4,000 males born, usually require wheelchairs in their tarly teens and die at about 20 more of one.

Another milder form of the disease, Becker muscular dystrophy, is also caused by defects in the dystrophin gene. In contrast with the Duchenns form, Becker muscular dystrophy affects only about 1 in 30,000 live male births and by

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years of age.

of muscular dystrophy.

and Miss J.M. Pricket The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr R.A. and Dr M.T. Hood, of Richmond, Surrey, and Judith, only daughter of Mr D.W. Prickett and the late Mrs E.G. Prickett, of Kingston Hill,

Mr M.C. Ibbott and Miss S.J. Pascall The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Ibbott, of Dorrington, Shropshire, and Susie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Pascall, of

Mr T.W. Jones and Miss D.A. Nebbett

The engagement is announced between Toby, only son of Mr and Mrs Tim Jones, of Chadlington, Oxfordshire, and Debra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Nebbett, of Worcester Park, Surrey.

Mr M.M. Ivisen
and Miss F.C. Trotman
The engagement is announced
between Marcel, son of Lt Col
and Mrs D.M. Ivison, of
Camberley, Surrey, and Fiona
Clare, daugther of Mr and Mrs
D.A. Trotman, of British Embassy, Bangkok, and Fulham.

Li Col IIJ. Lockbart and Mrs S.B. Farr
The engagement is announced between Brian Lockhart, of

Finchampstead, Berkshire, and Sheila Farr, of Naunton, Gloucestershire. Mr R.M. Mackentie and Miss J.B. Spurling

SCIENCE REPORT

Minigene clue in muscular

dystrophy research

severity is much more variable; even so, most Becker patients are mobile only until their late

Earlier research has shown up subtle differences in the types of genetic defect that lead to the two different forum of the disease. Although defects causing Ducheme muscular dystrophy swerely disable the gene so that a patient produces little or no dystrophia, patients with Becker muscular dystrophy are still able to produce dystrophia, albeit in a less effective form.

With the aim of uncoveries

With the aim of uncovering some of the genetic factors that determine the onset and progress of Becker muscular dystruphy. Davies and her group embarked on an in-depth genetic majories of a facility there well.

analysis of a family whose male members suffer from an ex-tremely mild form of the disease. Paradoxically, the researchers found all the members of the family they tested, including a weight trainer aged 25 and a

weight trainer aged 25 and a man aged 61 who was still able to walk, to be carrying an anormous deletion of nearly half of the normal dystrophin gene.

Although their finding begs the latriguing question of how the patients are able to survive with so little of the dystrophin gene, the scientists emphasize that more work will be needed to answer this.

One difficulty is that the

precise function of dystrophin is unknown, although there is

answer this.

The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of the mr MLA. Stacey
and Miss J.L. Lowe
The engagement is announced
between Michael Andrew, son
of Mr and Mrs Francis Stacey, late Raonull George Mackenzie and Mrs Fay Mackenzie, of Maiden Newton, Dorset, and Jacqueline Bernadette, only daugther of Mr and Mrs Anof Dent, Cumbria, and Joanne Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Lowe, of Redhill, Arnold, Nottingham. thony Spurling, of Brightlingsea,

Mr J.D.V. Thomson and Miss J.S.C. Crockatt Mr M.H. Madeley and Mile A.M.E. De Lacy The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.S.B. Madeley, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Titane. elder daughter of Mr and Mme Pierre de Lacy, of Court St Etienne, Belgium.

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian V. Thomson, of Kilcoy, Queensland, Australia and Jenny, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Crockatt, of Aldham Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mr J.R. Tett and Miss P.A. Gorden

The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs W.G. Tutt, of Wormley, Herts, and Patricia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Gordon, of Penticton,

Mr J.R. White

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.G. White, of Cowes, Isle of Wight, and Bonne, eldest daughter of Mr J.M. Paton, of Dulwich, London, and Mrs M.C. Mortinger of Islams Seein. Mortimore, of Javea, Spain. Mr M.W. Williams

of Mr and Mrs David Williams, of Devizes, Wiltshire, and Eve Caroline, daugther of Mr Paul Samson of Geneva, Switzer-land, and Dr Anne Bergonzi of Learnington Spa, Warwickshire.

of Belcombe Court, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Susan, younger daughter of the late Mr Harry Percy and Mrs Harry Percy, of Ballygate House, Beccles, Suffolk.

The engagement is announced between David Richard, son of

### The engagement is announced between Cormac, son of Mr and Mrs J. Seekings, of Barnes, and Ingvild, daughter of Herr and Fru Aultun, of Grimstad, The engagement is announced between Martin Wykeham, son

Mr G.M. Weodraff
and Miss S.C. Percy
The engagement is announced
between George, second son of
the late Mr James Woodruff,
DFC, and Mrs James Woodruff,

in June, between Christopher Alexander, twin son of Mr and Mrs Donald Spence, of Lower Farm Orchard, Preston Crowmarsh, Benson, Oxfordshire, and Nancy Corbin, of The Woodlands, Sandy Spring, Maryland, twin daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Max Meadors, of Clovis, New Mexico. United ate Mr and Mrs Max Meadors, of Clovis, New Mexico, United Mr D.R. Wyatt and Miss A.L.G. Cassidy

between David Richard, son of Mr Donald Wyatt and the late Mrs Sheila Wyatt, of Dungannon Drive, Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Anne Louise Gurney, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Cassidy, of Vale End Cottage, Albury, Surrey.

#### **Dinners**

and Cecil Club, was host at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox. MP, chairman, presided. Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, was the principal guest and speaker and Mr Christopher Ward also spoke.

#### Birthdays today

Cecil, racehorse breeder, 47; Mr Jason Connery, actor, 27; Mr Neville Duke, former test pilot, 68; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, 78; Mr A.A. Gray, former chairman, Wellcome Foundation, 78; Lord Jacques, 85; Mr Alastair Morton, UK chairman, Eurotunnel, 52; Sir Anthony Nutting, former MP, 70; Mr J. Rashleigh Belcher, thoracic surgeon, 73; Mr Bryan Robson, footballer, 33; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Rogers, 62; Mr Arthur Scansill, trades 62; Mr Arthur Scargill, trade unionist, 52; Air Commodon Joy Tamblin, former director WRAF, 64; Mr R.C. Tress former master, Birkbeck College, 75.

to deliver the Bowden Lecture on the educational pioneer, Mr Carey Palmer, at noon, on January 26, at the College. The School Prodigy 1956-1961; Oxford and the Wilderness Years 1962-1974; The Educational Pioneer 1975-1989.

Martin-in-the-Fields Wednesday, January 24, at noon, and not as previously sculptor. Chur, Switzerland, 1966; Padraic Colum, poet, Enfield, Connecticut, 1972

#### Richmond Tutorial

*churchill* 

On line to serve you !

Lent term at the Royal Grammar School begins today and ends on March 30. The Entrance Examination for boys wishing to enter the First Form in 1990 will be held on January 13, the 11

ruary 26. The 13 plus Academic Scholarship candidates will be examined on March 5 and 6. There will be a Chamber Con-cert on February 28, and the Choral Society will perform Verdi's Requiem in Guildford Cathedral on March 17. The RGS invitation Under-16 Sev ens will take place at Bradstone Brook on March 4. The annual dinner for Old Guildfordians at Oxford and Cambridge will be at Gonville and Caius College on February 17; and AGM of the OG Association, followed by the Association's annual dinner. will be held at the school on

St Catherine's School, Bramley,

Foundation for Science and Technology Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, prosided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Dr John Woods, Dr Peter Hedgecock, Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson and Dr Mike Sutton also spoke. Lord Trefearne, Minister for Trade at the Department of Trade and Industry, was among those present.

Dennis Vine also spoke.

#### College

### School announcements

The Lent Term began on Tuesday, January 9. Entrance examinations will be held on January 26, for the School and Junior College and February 2, for the Senior College, Scnior Scholarship examinations will be held on February 8 and 9. There will be a performance of Royal Ladies - a Shakespearian anthology on Wednesday, March 14. The Dent Lecture on "Adventures in Looking" will be given by Lady Vaizey on Friday, March 16. Founder's Day will be March 27, and the Preacher at the Founder's Day Service will be the Right Rev-erend John Taylor, Bishop of St

#### Royal Grammar School,

plus Scholarship Examination on February 7 and the Music

Scholarship auditions on Feb-

Wade was one of a group of post-war medical librarians

#### **OBITUARIES**

## JOSEPHINE WHITEHORN

'Aunty Jo' of the BBC's Children's Hour

Mrs Josephine Whitehorn, work for the Corporation on a generation will never forget. who, as Josephine Plummer, freelance basis. She was the Say, to any of that generation, was known to thousand a few second and the same than was known to thousands of author of several translations young wireless listeners of the from modern and medieval wartime and post-war genera- French. tion as "Aunty Jo" of the BBC's Children's Hour, died

She joined Children's Hour in January, 1943, producing many programmes and also giving story readings in a series called Once Upon A Time which ran during the 1950s. From 1952 to 1959 she was assistant head of Children's Hour and worked closely with David Davis, completely sharing his philosophy and ideals, and they planned and produced programmes together. Josephine Plummer

on January 8. She was 76.

born in Leicester on Septem-ber 29, 1913, the younger daughter of Bertram and Amy Plummer. She was educated in Leicester and at Somerville College, Oxford, where she took an honours degree in modern languages.

She joined the BBC's Empire Department in 1936, then went to the Drama Department as secretary first to John Pudney and then to Stephen Potter. During the early part of the war she worked in the Foreign News Department.

staff in 1959 but continued to

Her marriage to John Roland Malcolm Whitehorn was dissolved in 1973. There were Masefield's "The Box of Deno children.

David Davis writes: Josephine was "Jo" to all of us who knew her, and all the thousands of children for whom the end of each day meant one thing only: "tea, and toast, and Children's Hour." She first came into my life when I returned from service in World War II to a **BBC** which had suffered many things since I left it in 1942, but which still had, tucked away behind the statue of Prospero and Ariel, a little covey of offices, "up the nursery stair", which was known as "The Children's

Hour. She needed no "Aunt" label to make her what she very quickly became: "Jo" of Chil-dren's Hour. She had so many sides to her many talents, but I think perhaps she would best liked to have been remembered as a producer, of plays, and as a reader of stories. When I rejoined the team in 1946, she was well away with

"The Bell Family", "Ballet Shoes", "The Blue Doors Theatre", "Norman and Henry Bones" and, the greatest masterpiece of them all,

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lights", and you will find, at the end of every cast list, the name of Josephine Plummer, as she was then. Her productions had all the

marks of her deep artistic sensibility, particularly in her choice of music and signature tunes such as the one she chose for "The Box of Delights." She was adored by all her casts, who remained her loving and devoted friends. She became my Assistant Head in 1953 when I succeeded May Jenkin as Head of the Department; it was to be a staunch and devoted friendship. She used to say, remembering the war years when I emerged slightly selfconsciously as a naval officer, that I always introduced her as "This is my Number One". But my Number One and best friend she remained.

She had a radiant smile, a charming laugh, a splendid sense of humour and a kind welcome for everyone. It was a sad day for me when she had She resigned from the BBC all her masterpieces, which to give up the daily Hour and taff in 1959 but continued to many of my — and the older — walk in other pastures.

#### FILMER PARADISE

A driving force in the car industry said: "When the pain subsides

Filmer Melvin Paradise who died on January 3, aged 70, was unquestionably the most colourful motor industry executive of the past 25 years. A cigar-chomping American, he arrived on the European scene in 1959 in a burst of publicity that predictably led to criticism of him as "a brash knowit-all Yank". But such was his openhanded, honest approach that

he quickly won over col-leagues and rivals alike and leaves a large circle of friends and admirers in an industry in which many of his sayings are now part of its folklore. His love affair with Europe began during the Second World war when he was

involved in the American Lease-Lend operation to provide succour to the hardpressed Allies. He stayed here in the early post-war years as an executive with Lease-Lend's successor, the Marshall

From 1959 to 1963 he was President and Managing Parish Clerks' Company
Mr Louis Lewis, Master of the
Parish Clerks' Company, presided at a court dinner held last
night at Watermen's Hall after
attending evensong at St Magnus-the-Martyr. Mr Horace
Shooter, Mr Ian Byatt and Mr
Dennis Vine also stoke.

President and Managing
Director of Ford Italy. During
this time he was awarded the
Order of Merit by the Italian
government for the long and
eventually successful campaign he waged against opposition from colleagues in Ford
go"...."stick with me and I will this time he was awarded the came part of the industry's former Rootes Group acsition from colleagues in Ford Detroit to use an outside company to manufacture a Ford car in Italy — The Anglia

Torino. In 1967 he was recruited by Lester Suffield, the then Deputy Managing Director of the British Motor Corporation (the result of merging Austin and Morris), to become Managing Director of BMC's European operations based in

He immediately assembled his team for a pep talk. What came a close personal friend Lausanne.



remembered by those present. "I plan to double our European sales in the next five years so if any of you guys want out, now is the time to tell me. There's a nice quiet job waiting for you at the home base.

"We are going to push more iron in this marketplace then you ever dreamt was

"...." stick with me and I will show you diamonds".

soon after BMC merged with Leyland in 1968 to form British Leyland the Chairman, Sir Donald (now Lord) Stokes brought him back to Longbridge as Sales and Marketing Director of the Austin Morris car division.

you realise that the sheer irreverence of this man for the Establishment is the best thing that has happened here for a very long time." British Leyland at the time was racked with industrial warfare. Endless strikes, poorly designed and quality flawed cars made Paradise's

sales crusade impossible."As losses mounted there were constant management changes at the highest level. However the call did not come for Paradise to join Donald Stokes as his right hand despite the fact that he made no secret of his ambitions and recipe for success.

As a result in October, 1973 he resigned and surprised everyone by moving to Singapore to join Worm Bros, car

distributers and traders. But in 1980 he was persuaded to return to Britain by Mr (now Sir) George Turnbull who had himself recently returned from a senior post in the Iranian motor industry to become Chief Executive of Talbot Motor Company, the quired by Peuge 1969. Turnbull, now the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Inchespe Group, had been Paradise's immedi ate superior when he was Such was his impact that managing director of British Leyland and wanted him asi his Assistant Managing Director at Talbot, Coventry with special responsibility for sales

and marketing. Paradise tackled his new job with the total commitment that had become his hallmark He later took on responsibility but colleagues said the old for all group sales.

but colleagues said the old sparkle that had commanded Soon after his arrival one of such enduring loyalty was his colleagues who later be-missing. In 1983 he retired to

#### LORD SWAYTHLING

Early legislation affecting the road user

banking, agriculture and legislation on traffic law, died, aged 91, at home, in Sussex, In the House of Lords,

where he served on the Liberal Benches for many years, he spoke frequently on matters concerning agriculture and traffic law, a great interest of his through his role as a Magistrate.

He was behind two pieces of egislation which affected the lives of many road users. The first was the obligation for cyclists to have a rear light on bicycles after dark and the other, to allow motorists charged with a traffic offences a reasonable period of time to provide their driving licence. He was responsible for putting the second of these pieces of legislation through the House of Lords.

Stuart Albert Samuel Montagu was born on December 19, 1898, eldest son of the 2nd Baron, who was himself the eldest son of the banker and MP for Whitechapel, Sir Montagu Samuel Montagu, later Ist Lord Swaythling.

He went to school at Clifton

died aged 77, was Librarian of the Royal Society of Medicine from 1953 to 1977.

who began the transformation of their libraries from places of quiet desuctude for antiquarian research into modern aids for the practising physician and researcher, though, as an historian, he never lost sight of the need to preserve the record of the past for the user of the future.

He appreciated the specialized requirements of medical

Lord Swaythling, 3rd Baron, and Westminster. He was mission was set up to control OBE, whose life encompassed commissioned in the Grena-profiteering. dier Guards in 1917 and at the end of the First World War he

> Trinity College, Cambridge. On coming down from Cambridge he joined the family merchant banking firm of Samuel Montagu and Company and remained a Partner until 1954. He succeeded his father as 3rd Baron in 1927.

completed his education at

It is true to say, however, that banking was not his main interest in life. Lord Swaythling was a dedicated countryman and a prominent dairy farmer. He was President of the English Guernsey Cattle Society for two terms of office and Deputy President and subsequently President of the Association of British Dairy Farmers. He was also a Member of the Council of the National Cattle Breeders Association and the Royal Agricultural Society. He was one of the Founders and subsequently Master of The Company of Farmers.

During the Second World War, Lord Swaythling was Chairman of the Prices Commission, for which he was appointed OBE. The Com-

services nationally.

Born in Wentworth, York-shire, on January 19, 1912, he went to Barnsley Grammar School, and University College, London, where he read history and took the postgraduate diploma in librarianship; he also captained the University College first XI.

He joined the Royal Society of Medicine in 1935 after a brief time at the former National Central Library and remained with the Society, apart from war service in practitioners and played an military intelligence and a and a daughter.

Lord Swaythling was a Magistrate from 1928 to 1948 in the County of Southampton

and, after moving to Surrey, or from 1948 to 1980 was a Magistrate in that county. As a prominent Member of the Anglo-Jewish community, Lord Swaythling was connected with many Anglo-Jewish charities. His main interest, in this connection, was the Jewish Lads and Girls Brigade which was founded by his family. His hobbies were sport and shooting and he was keenly interested in both

cricket and rugby football. He married in 1925 Mary Violet, a daughter of Major W. H. Levy, and a grand-daughter the first Lord Bearsted. There were two sons and one daughter of the marriage which was dissolved in 1942. In 1945 he married, secondly, Mrs Jean Knox who was the Director of the ATS.

He is succeeded by his elder son, the Honourable David Montagu, who is Executive Chairman of Rothman's International, and a Director of The Daily Telegraph PLC.

PHILIP WADE

Philip Wade, MBE, who has active part in improving the short period in 1946-47 at the quality of medical library London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

He was an active member of the Medical Section of the Library Association in its early days and was on the

international view of their

United and Cecil Club Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, a Vice-Chairman of the United

The Right Rev J.A. Baker, Bishop of Salisbury, 62; Sir Alan Bowness, former director, Tate Gallery, 62; Mr Henry Cecil, racehorse trainer, and Mr David Cecil, racehorse breeder, 47; Mr

Professor Jonathan Pollitzer is lecture will deal with: A Public

#### David Blundy

physician and collector, London, 1753; Louis Francois Roubiliac, sculptor, London, 1762; Domenico Cimarosa, composer, Venice, 1801; Georges Eugene Haussmann, architect who re-planned Paris, Paris, 1891; Thomas Hardy, Dorchester, 1928; Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour Party 1955-63, London, 1963; Lall Bahadur Shastri, prime minister of India 1964-66, Tashkent, 1966; Alberto Giacometti, sculptor, Chur, Switzerland, The memorial service for David

The Spring Term begins today.

Confirmation by the Bishop of Dorking will be held on Saturday, February 10. The School Play, Lady Windermere's Fan, will be produced on the evenings of March 13-17, in Speech Hall. Long Leave is from February 17-21, and the term ends on Friday, March 23.

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organizing committee of the first international congress on medical librarianship held in London in 1953. Philip Wade made a significant contribution to medical librarianship, always en-🗩 couraging protegees to take an

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McCARROLL - On January 6th. to Noelle (new Haywood) and Stephen. a son. Robert Tomás. a brother for Andrew.

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peacefully at the Bristol Brown between Salty missed by years. Salty missed by daughter. Jean and Solvia. son Peter and social-law Raymond and mar families. BOWER - On Tuesday January 9th 1990, at The Down House, has mounted worthy. Lt. Gen. Sir Roger Bower K.C.B. K.B.E., in his 57th year, Bastond husband of Camberine and loved father and grandfulture. Private and grandfather. Private cremation, Family flowers only. Themissioning Service Saturday February Srd at St. Peter's Church, St. Mary Bourne at 2.50 pm. Any donations to St. Peter's Church.

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DEVANKY - On January 9th, at Callen Hospital. It Sarah (née Cullen) and Kieran, a son. Thomas Joseph. Warmes! thanks to all hospital staff.

GOW - On December 19th 1990, at the Snitish Hospital. Paris. to Angus and Elizabeth (née Murray). a daughter. Annabelle Louise.

MOWE - On January 9th 1990. to Deborah (née Bryson) and Adrian. a daughter. Elizabeth Then.

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coke - On January 9th 1990, suddenly at Benuey, Garald Edward Coke C.B.E. Very beloved husband of Patricia

GLEAVE - On January 8th 1990. Rachel Mangaret Wallace, in Cambridge, peacefully and with dignity after a brief lines. Cremation private at her own request. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The Cardesters Benevolent Fund at Bridge House. 139 Kingston Road. Legitherhead, Surrey, would have given pleasure, 'De mortuin nit nist bonum'. GOESTT - On January 7th 1990, peacefully in Westonsuper-Mare. Charlotte B.E. 'Johis' riche Marxt, seed 93. Widow of the Revd. R.H.S. Gobbit M.B.E. M.A., F.C.A. mother of Pat Whyman. Winscombe, Avon, and drapdmother of James, John and Mary. R.LP. GOTTS - On December 26th. Evelyn Caroline. aged 94. beloved wife of the late George Richard Goth M.B.E. Sadly missed by the family. Funcal last abter star. Action Bridge. Chemine and Rickfails. Strachcarron. Ross-shire, hisband of late Kathleen Jean Bortiwick Crog and uncle to Peter. Noomi and Mark. Funeral 11.30 are Monday January 18th at Bowden (family only). Family Rowers to Church. Cremation January 18th at Bowden (family only). Family Rowers to Church. Cremation January 18th at Bowden (family only). Family Rowers to Church. Cremation January 18th at Bowden (family only). Family Rowers to Church. Gonations to Arthritic Care. 5 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7ER.

MARRACEN - On January 2nd. In a road accident in Kenya. Samantha. Much beloved daughter of Lee and Paula. adored sister of Alistin and David. and treasured granddaughter of Lee and Paula. adored sister of Alistin and Thea. A loyous girl who will be greatly missed by all treasured granddaughter of Alistin and Thea. A loyous girl who will be greatly missed by all treasured granddaughter of Lee and Paula. adored sister of Alistin and Thea. A loyous girl who will be greatly missed by all treasured granddaughter of Lee and Paula.

HAWKESWORTH

January 10th, peacefully in
January 10th, peacefully in
hospital, in his 80th year.
Charles Peter Elmhirst, of
Aldborough, Boroughbridge.
A dearly loved husband,
father and grandfather.
Funeral on January 15th at
2 pm. St. Jamen' Church,
Boroughbridge. Followed by
private cremation. Family
Boroughbridge. Followed by
RUGHES - On January 7th
1990, peacefully at
Harpwood Home, near
lghtham, Kent. Maria
Adeline, aged SS. Dearly
loved mother of Yvonne and
Sheila, grandma of Lucy and
mother-in-taw of Bill.
Funeral at Tunbridge Wells
Cremeterium on Thursday
January 18th at 10 am.
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Service, tel: (0732) 883178.
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Margaret, apad 78 years, of
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SACTAGGART - On January
9th. In Septist Hospital,
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Neil of Nassau. Bahamas,
mother of Ann, Robin. Neil,
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service will be held at 9t,
Anne's Church, Nassau, on
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NUTTING - On Jamuary 4th, suddenly at home. Annie, loving and beloved wife of Anthony. Private funeral took place on January 9th, Donations, if desired, to The Bruske Hossitut for Autumnia 1 Regent Street, London SW1 or to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, 61 Derngale, Northampton NN1 1UE.

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Over 30 years ago Lord Wheatley's judgment caused some misgivings, notably those expressed by the then Archbishap of Canterbury, Dr Fisher, but the development since of scientific options for the "raising of a family" today make the Scottish judge's ruling seem not particularly out of the sem out of the way.

INSEMINATION NOT ADULTERY

Edinburgh Jan 10. A Judge of the Court of Sessions here today, while expressing criticism of the moral implications of artificial insemination, decided that a woman whose child was born to a man not her husband but was the result of artificial insemination without ber husband's consent was not guilty of

adultery.

This decision was in the form of a preliminary judgment by Lord Wheatley in an action for decree of divorce raised by Ronald George Maclennan, formerly of Oakley Ter-race, Glasgow, whose present whereabouts were not disclosed, against his wife, Mrs Margaret Euphemia Shortland, or Maclennan, whose address

was given as Ocean Avenue, Brooklyo, New York.
Holding that lack of specification of the time and place of the artificial insemination, on which the defendant founded her defence, offended against the rules of that fair notice which ought to be given to a plaintiff, his Lordahip adjourned the case for two weeks so that the wife might supply the necessary details.

Lord Wheatley, who described the defence as "unique in the annals of our law", said the parties had not

girl. Her claim was that the child had been born as the result of artificial insemination through a donor and that artificial insemination by a donor was not adultary as the law understood it. The husband maintained that he never agreed to his wife adopting this course if, in fact, it ever took place, and that such a general defence was irrelevant. Lord Wheatley said there were "manifestly grave moral, ethical, social and personal considerations involved in the practice of artificial

lived together since March 1954. In July 1955, the wife gave birth to a

insemination in its various forms which would no doubt be fully deployed elsewhere." It was almost trite to say that a married woman who was artificially inseminated in order to have a child who would not be the child of her marriage had committed a grave and heinous offence of contract of marriage; but the question for him to determine was not the moral cuipability of such an act tast whether it constituted adultery in its legal meaning.

BREACH OF CONTRACT If it was not adultary, although a grave breach of the marriage con-tract, that was a matter for the legislature, if it was thought that a separate legal remedy should be provided.

Lord Wheatley said that, having examined the law of England on adultery and having found nothing to persuade him that the law of Scotland was not the same on the subject. and having studied the opinious expressed by judges in other coun-tries, and in text books, he had reached the conclusion that artificial insemination did not come within the definition of sexual intercourse as understood by Scots law. "If my views be correct, then it

WHETEHORD! - On January 8th 1990, peacefully in Kings College Hospital, Josephine. Funeral at All Saints Church, Funeral al AR Sainto Church, Mountifield. Sussex. on Tuesday Jonnary 16th al 11.30 am. A Memorial Service with he amounced at a later date. Flowers or donations to BACUP to C. Waterhouse and Sons, High Street. Burwash. East Sussex, left (0435) 882219.

MEMORIAL SERVICES CRANCELLOW - A MAUROTIAL

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NERSON - A Service of Thankshing for the life of John Hugh Merson will be held at St. Lawrence Jewry next Guidhall in the City of Landon on Tuesday January 30th at 11.30 am. IN MEMORIAM -IAMES Patrick. In loving JAMES Pairick, in loying memory on his birthday. 
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# English easier

Peter Ackroyd on the latest reports on how our language is alive and lively

few years ago it was fashionable to declare the Death of Language. As some adjunct to the Macluhanite fantasy that the printed word was rapidly becoming obsolete, certain academics and cultural journalists flirted with the entertaining notion that discursive or complex language was being replaced by pervasive visual imagery or, more romantically, by Silence. It was nonsense then, and it is nonsense now - nowhere more clearly evealed than in this volume, the contributors to which display a far

more sophisticated awareness of language than the cultural mentors of the recent and not so recent past.

Here are essays on the language of the law, the language of advertising, the language of Wall Street, the language of computers, the language of rock music, the language of graffiti, the language of bad language. The contributors address language, attack or celebrate its various forms, plead with it, denounce it, and analyse it. There is an interesting discussion, for example, on the nature of censorship and "free speech", although of course speech is never ee for those who know how to use it properly. In the context of the book itself it is important to note that there are variations of syntactical constraint (let alone overtly social or political re-straints) which determine the nature of what is said or what is written. And, if this makes language resemble some deity to be

the victims of Aids - the very term "victim" in this sentence being a case in point. In fact these essays cogently demonstrate how the adoption of a certain vocabulary, the use of certain key terms. even the choice of transitive or intransitive verbs, can actively shape the public awareness of the condition - can indeed shape the experience of the sufferer and the understanding of his own body. Language ceases to be that abstract context in which somehow we all float harmlessly, but instead takes its place at the frontier of sensibility and response; it becomes the pressure which

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> registering the movements and changes in the language itself. But if there is one useful generalization to be elicited from these essays, it is perhaps the one most to be expected. A study by Keith Thomas of the way people salute each other at the beginning and end of correspondence, for example, comes to much the same conclusion as an analysis of swearing by Roy Harris - that there has been a steady rise in the use of the demotic in formal contexts as well as an increase in general informality of address. This does not imply imprecision or any necessary deterioration of standards, but rather a general movement towards what Thomas describes as the trust in "unpretentiousness, ease of access, consideration, amiability". This may in turn be connected with another conclusion here, that the

interest in the etymological roots of meaning is declining. But these changing ideas of the nature and status of grammar, the rise of what one contributor calls



barred for its grammatical sloppiness or incoherence is permitted in any newspaper or broadcast news bulletin", all relate to the one central phenomenon: there is no longer one common culture, one accepted set of values, one "core" of stable meanings, from which English can be said to derive.

Nevertheless it really does no good to complain about changes in the vocabulary and structure of our language, and those who over-emphasize the niceties of grammatical structure run the risk of ignoring the capacious and forceful life of proper English. Language is dynamic and comprehensive; as soon as it becomes defensive or exclusive it loses half or its real strength. If language is indeed the very proof and test of identity, as so many of the essayists here suggest, then surely it is wrong to encase it in a historical plaster cast? It must

always, naturally grow and change. It is undoubtedly true, for

example, that there is something close to the "internationalization" of English and that "to write it no longer seems an Anglo-Saxon prerogative". It is not now seen as the domain of a superior race or culture, and in any case, as Randolph Quirk observes, "we are witnessing a significant relative decline (perhaps even an absolute

that ye love one another. This is something to make a new year, Chingiz, like the great destroy-ing Khan, is a good name on the steppes and in the Tien Shans, the mountains where the Kirgiz still Spanish are spoken by more. graze their camels and sheep and But there is a further point to be

made here about Australian writ-

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ing (and by extension that of other English-speaking cultures), even if the contributor on Australian English does not make it for himself - the evident fact that many Australian novelists now use English with an almost magical fluency suggests how closely they resemble Irish poets and prose-writers of the earlier decades of the century. They have learned how to subvert a colonial language from within, and thus to render it capable of more subtle and more surprising effects than those who

#### conservative, prophet and re-actionary, he writes because he can hardly reconcile the contradicare still, as it were, imprisoned within their inheritance. It might tory impulses that rage within his people and himself. The solution be interesting to note in this context that, of the 62 contributors finally binds everything earth to to this volume, 30 are academics dust to ashes. and 33 are American or Canadian. To use a dead and now apparently forgotten tongue, quis custodies ipsos custodes?

pessing of the nomads, the coming of the combine harvesters and the trains, the effect of distant wars on and those who stayed behind. Adolescents describe adult ways in "Jamila" and "Camel Eye": women are the unknowable centres of persistent love in most of the stories. The courage to endure is all. A primitive animism suffuses these Kirgiz tales: fields and plants talk back, nature communicates. To lose that link is to lose life. Aitmatov is no Isaac Babal, riding with the Cossacks to fight. His heroes and heroines are bound to pasture and furrow, the voices of the steppe and slope, with the furies of revolution and conflict

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#### FICTION

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F. Powys wrote Father Adam in the early Twenties. It has rested in the archives

unpublished, until it kicks off a projected reprinting of the author's many novels and a biog-

raphy of him. It is high time, and

not too late. For Father Adam has

been ridiculously neglected - even by the writer himself. Resurrected,

as so many lost manuscripts are these days, from the archives at Austin, Texas, which seem to be

the repositories of most of the wit

and wisdom of Britain between

the world wars, Father Adam is elegant and amusing, profound

and sparse. The introduction does it an injustice - it is no experi-

ment, but a Spartan achievement.

Brevity may be the soul of wit, but is it also the essence of the

novella. No word is wasted in this

tale of the dying Ralph Crew, who has always tried to keep the Ten

Commandments as other people

try to keep dividends. The short-

hand of Powys is his humour. The

reader is given notes on various

lives counterpointed with strange

and true details. Incongruity pro-

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ribs delicately. Crew bequeaths a living and the keeping of the Ten Commandments to Father Ga-

brief Adam, an apostle sent to

earth, who happens to meet his village Eva . . And so read on. The terse excellence of this early

book by T. F. Powys is both a

parable and a brief delight. A new

commandment is finally given —

horses near the borders of China.

Chingiz Aitmatov, the popular

author of Mother Earth and Other

Stories, was brought up among

these heirs of the Mongols; his

father and two uncles were shot in

one of Stalin's purges; yet he

became a leading member of the

Writers' Union and won the Lenin

Prize for Literature. He has

sadapted the oral folklore of his people to the technological changes brought by the Russian Revolution. Communist and

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An old mother talks to a field in

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By Mark Illis

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dinary as her books. In her way, she is the Japanese combination of Colette and Elinor Glyn, Confessions of Love purports to be the memoirs of a married artist, with whom Chiyo lived for five years. She met him after his failed suicide attempt with his mistress: they made love on the bloodsoaked bed. These peccadilloes of a feeble and egoistic painter appear to owe more to Chiyo than to him: they seem to be humiliation rather than revelation, abasement rather than amour. The tough young women of the Twenties pursue and take the artist, whose failings outweigh his attractions. Weak men are all the rage in Japan, but only a woman could confess that of them.

ark Illis takes the reader through the flawed innocence and magic perceptions of childhood and adolescence. Billy is led into mystery and conspiracy, burglary and evil. His father's bold schemes, such as infiltrating Mills & Boon with literature like Middlemarch, his The Circus of Delights of Mr Melody, and the get-rich-quick plots of J. T. Archer, are all forms of alchemy. Melody defines it best in his search for the Perfect Sweet: alchemy is the making of something golden from mundane

That is what Illis does in The Alchemist, transforming an ordinary child-rearing and introduc-tion to sin into a fantastic and dangerous quest for truth. In a finale that is nightmare and spell, Archer reveals himself as Melville's Confidence Man - a performer who believes in his every role, and thus has integrity within

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#### Brian Inglis, a veteran of The Irish Times and The Spectator is probably best known for his prommence in the television series What the Papers Say and All Our Yesterdays. More recently, he has achieved a certain reputation as a writer of books on fringe medicine and perapsychology, but it is his training as a historian which is most clearly revealed by, and

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mars, his autobiography. In Downstart, Inglis goes back over the Irish experiences he had described in an earlier book (West Briton), this time extending them to include the "Anglo" elements of his life, his English education "later I tended to blame it for my failure to grow up"), his time in the RAF ("one of the most expensive pilots in the history of the war"), and subsequent career in the media. The tension between hish and English attitudes winds the mainspring of the book, but this energy is dissipated in the flatness of the presentation, and we are left with a life story that is more dutiful that illuminating. Inglis, now 74, acknowledges

is debt to his mother, who had reserved just about everything that was written by or about him in his early years. The result is a smooth gleaming cylinder of an autobiography, perfectly re-searched and perfectly dull, youth and age illuminated with the same Hillattering strip-light, and described with equal detachment by the author. There are simply too many names qua names; the compendious index boasts a good 400 journalists, golfers, drinking companions, and blushing maid-cus. A very multitude of figures crowds the scene, many of them only walk-on parts or spear carriers. We never see their faces; they are all faint and identical. Inglis may criticize Stephen Ward as a "chronic" name-dropper, but if he upstart is guilty of dropping hames, this downstart may fairly be accused of floating them away. Along with some delightful insights into the bourgeois snobberies of the "Protestant ascendancy" in Ireland, occasional

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details and anecdotes add splashes of colour, but in general they are as hard to find as the raisins in a bowl of cheap muesti, and some may stick in the teeth. Other people's fluffed golf shots or the tries of veteran rugby internationals are not likely to be brought to life by any but the most quicksilver pros.

The critic of any autobiography must be sure that he is reviewing the book and not the life; in this case, as frequently, they are almost inseparable. Inglis is not well served by his easy manner and obvious affability; his nonchalant reliance on luck and the workings of Fate means that life has tended to live him, rather than vice versa. As a result, his book too often resembles a description of the movements of a single pawn in an

average game of chess. Only in the nick of time is the pawn finally queened. As Inglis himself observes, "enlightenment was slow in my case", and in the final chapter he admits that "the 1980s for me are too bound up with Margaret [van Hattem] to write

about them" Here, suddenly, the narrative comes alive. The single diapason organ-stop of the preceding chapters gives way to a delicate nox humana that reveals more through its inability to speak than all the piping of the earlier work. Inglis, one is made to feel, is never really bound up with life until this final, special relationship. He has drifted along sans ambition from the very earliest days, where his prep-school headmaster had observed that "Brian has been going along his rather comfortable way, with no signs of overwork, and hi usual very pleasant demeanour," and elsewhere, "A little inclined to be charmingly ineffective, an in-clination which he must strenuously resist".

Paradoxically, it is only in his reticence to write about Margaret that a sense of emotional force and depth is finally revealed; a tiny rock pool after miles of sand. A sense of humanity after all the gung-ho Guinness swilling and golf tournaments of the previous chapters at last justifies this somewhat humdrum book. Deconstructive critics will enjoy the fact that the emotional centre of the work actually lies "outside" it, for the final chapter including Margaret is called "Postscript". and Inglis attributes it to his having found out a particular piece of information after I had

completed Downstart. Among an unforgivably large number of proofing errors, there is one, presumably unintentional, post-modern joke that squares nicely with the author's interest in the paranormal. The frontispiece has it that the book was published by Chatto & Windus in the year 1900. That, spookily, is 16 years before Inglis's birth. He really is some historian.

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BROADCASTING

By Steart Hood and

Garrett O'Leary

There persists the feeling – just as there once did about how wonder- comes an insistence on us as active ful our police force was - that our television is the best in the world. is the belief justified or is it an example of the overrating to which the British are susceptible? Broadcasting soon faces a sharp test with the arrival of a fifth and possibly sixth channel, and competition from satellite television. What price the Bandung File?

The Prime Minister has - no surprise, with her attitude towards enterprise - given the thumbs up to more television Channels. This comes with a reassurance that the medium will not be driven downmarket, because "the British public can be more discriminating than that". The traditional response to this is that the British public doesn't have the foggiest what it wants. Besides, goes the claim, what makes British broadcasting great is the notion of public service, and fundamental to its principles is that

celebrated trinity of information, entertainment, and education - so gloriously realized by Jim'll Fix It. Though there is much — well, some - that is

good (and here the word quality invariably gets used), television is not, on the whole, a challenging medium, being too controlled and the participants too unctuous. There still exists, as part of the legacy of Auntic Beeb, an idea of television being something invited by us into the living room that should mind its Ps and Qs. Exceptions tend to occur when the real world intrudes: Bob Geldof jolted us out of complacency by pictures of Ethiopian famine. But, for the most part, slumped in front of the box, one feels more like a

consumers (though Mrs Thatcher will be the first to chastise us for consuming too many burgers, chips, and beans). A cynical retort would be that active consumption in this wonderland will mean about as much as offering us all a

wote in the Eurovision Song Contest.

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The first half of this book offers

of broadcasting in terms of organization not product; a history of White Papers and committees. It traces the tacit relationship between broadcasting and government, and notes that broadcasters are more deferential than they were to the Government's muzzle. It shows how the Government has come to view broadcasting as an economic rather than a cultural force, as an adjunct to the electronics industry: "The medium was important because it could generate profits; the message it carried Chris Petit

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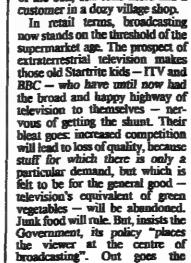
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Methuen, £14.99 cultural policy". British broadcasting is coming to the end of its protracted age of innocence.

The sub-title of this book could well be "The Carve-up of Broadcasting". If Mrs Thatcher has her way, the BBC will have to pay its way, like everything else. The second half of the book offers speculation by those involved producers, unionists, advertisers, satelliters. Most are given to such sloppy expression - there are broadly speakings, franklys, melting-pots, pragmatics, brave new worlds, arguablys, even a post-White Paper situation - that one would hesitate to buy even a second-hand set from them. Predictions alternate between bonanza time and a new cultural barbarism. At worst, the 1990s will see the dismantling of an effective public service and the loss of anything that does not conform to mass marketing. Any claim that television has to being an investigative medium will be threatened. On the other hand, with the abolition of the duopoly and the establishing of satellite channels we are promised all the choice in the world. And if little is clear beyond general speculation, at least Mrs Thatcher's vision of future broadcasting is: all choice and no argument.

#### THE ARTS

### A woman of great certainty

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

The first major drama series of the decade opened last night on BBC 2 with Geraldine McEwan already well on her way to a BAFTA Award, playing the obsessive evangelist mother in Jeanette Winterson's own adaptation of her Winterson's own adaptation of her Whitbread award-winning novel Oranges Are Not the Only Frait. McEwan, looking like Elmer Gantry in drag, gave one of those mesmeric performances that actresses of a certain age seem only to produce for television when they

reach that theatrical hiatus be tween Hedda Gabler and Lady Winterson's novel is the quasi-autobiographical account of an eccentric childhood in 1960s Lancashire, and her television version did, admittedly, sound as though she had spent a little too long on an Alan Bennett seminar for writers of inconsequential dialogue. Lines or inconsequential dialogue. Lines such as "There was nothing between him and exhaustion but a flask of Typhoo", or "You don't need an airing cupboard like next door's when you've got Jesus", put as firmly in a world where children news that there may be no toilets in Hell. But by the end of the first episode there were also hints of the adult lesbian relationship to come, while the director, Beeban Kidron, had assembled an entire gallery of

women, each and every one of whom looked as though she could kill with a blow of her nose. Over on Channel 4, where (under the ex-ITN arts corres-(mider the ex-11N arts correspondent Stephen Phillips) Signals is shaping up into the South Bank Show's only true rival, they finally got around to screening "Only Joking", a twice-postponed survey of the comedy of hatred. Even for those of as who have always assumed that the Alternative in Alternative Councily means an Alternative Comedy means an alternative to being fauny, this came as something of a revelation.

In America, it appears, entire 24-hour cable channels are now to be devoted to racist mon though at a time when Life of Brian is still considered too blasbemous, even by Channel 4, it sems unlikely that the danger will spread across the Atlantic.

The only real shock was a comic called The Dicemen, whose act seems to have all the sabtle charm of a Nuremberg rally; but the programme ended in one of those ritual discussions we used to have 20 years ago on Late Night Line Up, about where to draw the comic line. This supported to me that a line. This suggested to me that a lot of material may have been consored at the last ministre. This is still England, dammit.

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# Composer Luciano Berio, whose music is the subject of a four-day BBC festival, talks to Richard Morrison

Future created from the past f the British have a favourite musical avant-gardist, it is Luciano Berio. His were some of the earliest tape experiments ever heard here. "Electronics At The Proms No Substitute For Live Music" thundered a Times headline 30 years ago, about his Perspectives. He has

visited London regularly ever since, right up to what Berio calls "the wonderful experience at Covent Garden last year": the staging of his opera Un re in ascolto. "I am very close to this city; I hope it is a mutual love," says the 64-year-old Italian

composer.

Given that it is, why? Is it because the British appreciate his irony, his frequently self-deprecat-ing humour, which allowed him to utilize the most po-faced methods of advanced serial composition, and then apparently mock the whole process? Is it his Beckettlike ability - in a work such as the classic Martin Luther King memorial, Sinfonia — to evoke both tragedy and comedy at the same time? Is it his brilliant eclecticism, gathering into a single work a multitude of "memories" - fragmented verbal or musical allusions? Or is it the rich literary depth which his creative relation-ships with Umberto Eco, Italo Calvino and Edoardo Sanguineti have infused into his work? Or do we warm to Berio in the

same way as we relish Le Carré thrillers: because he is a master of ambiguity, of offering different layers of meaning? "My work does have many surface facets," says Berio, "even if inside it is con-nected by a consistent thread. It is important for an audience to be able to connect that surface with the thought beneath, then they can travel back and forth."

Next week, at the BBC's Berio Festival, audiences will be pondering anew the surfaces and the underlying thoughts. The four concerts programme some of Berio's earliest and most famous pieces. They include, for instance, Passaggio, which scandalized the audience at La Scala, Milan, in 1962 — especially because Berio pre-empted their fury by placing a chorus in the auditorium to mimic the smug conformity of an operahouse audience. That work is a useful beginner's guide to Berio's complex relationship with music's institutions and history. "I never



Luciano Berio ia the study of his home in Tuscany: "Sometimes . . . music must be in contact with real life"

actually agreed completely with Pierre [Boulez] when he declared that you should put a bomb in every opera house. The opera house is a necessary museum."

Why create new things for a museum? "I'm conscious of the history of the place when I write. When Passaggio was first performed it was a terrible experience—people threw things from the balconies. But that work had to be performed within the framework of the opera house, because it comments on the opera house and its audience." Since then Berio has become still more inward-looking; his last opera was about the process of listening to the creation of an opera about the

Must a composer be so concerned with reacting to the history of his art? "Maybe sometimes one can be in favour of amnesia. But the beauty of our century's music is that the composer's vision is supported by a knowledge of what has passed." Some believe this hypothesis could be applied to a great deal of 20th-century culture, from T.S. Eliot to current "sampling" techniques in rap music.

Berio was a leader of the "Darmstadt" generation — along with Stockhausen, Boulez and Pousseur, he advanced serial music into the sections field in the 1950s. Ver electronic field in the 1950s. Yet even then, he was never as methodical an iconoclast as Boulez. Did he reject more severe, uncompromising meth-

ods? "Not severity so much as sterility. To crystallize harmony or rhythm into a kind of code can be' interesting, but a dead end. For me, the heritage of what is usually called the serial experience was the acute sense of analysis it developed. It gave me the conceptual tools to explore the world around me. For instance, I could not have written Coro [the massive 1975 choral and orchestral work, to be heard next Wednesday], which deals with techniques and materi-

real social situations - without an analytical approach." The festival will include some of Berio's transcriptions of other composers' music, usually done

als coming from Yugoslavia, Cen-

tral Africa, Sicily - real people in

for practical reasons. "I believe in functional music. True, at a certain point in his development a composer acquires the privilege to ignore public expectations or obligations. Sometimes, however, music must be in contact with real

But in the case of the Lennon and McCartney arrangements (to be heard next Wednesday), there were other reasons. "In the late 1960s I was surprised by the Beatles, and impressed: the first time in commercial music there had been an attempt to bring together diverse influences— blues, Indian music, Elizabethan music, a touch of Wagner. So I simply continued the process, bringing out other possibilities, such as a Bach trio sonata, Debussy, Handel."

lso in the festival will be one of Berio's most recent works, Ofanim, for live performers and a ton of highly sophisticated sound equipment. "It is the first piece I did for the Tempo Reale institute in Florence, which I have run for two years now. There, we have been developing a system for controlling very ac-curately the movement of sound in space. We can eliminate 'good' or 'bad' acoustics, which means we can bring music to illegitimate sites. For example, we are working on a sound project for the huge old Fiat factories in Turin, which were abandoned 10 or 12 years ago.
The text of Ofanim culminates

in the prophet Ezekiel's vision of a mother - once full of fruit like a tree, now dying in the desert. Scholars would say that this was a metaphor for Israel, when the Hebrew people were persecuted. Now the same metaphor can be used for the Palestinians."

Berio has watched electronic music from the primitive 1950s to its present complexity. Is he satisfied by its progress? "Technically, yes. Musically, it's more difficult to be positive. The young have become driven by the machine, by the synthesizers, instead of the other way round. It's important to progress technologi-cally, of course. But what for? Not to be completely subservient to more technology.

● The BBC Berio Festival is at the Barbican from next Sunday to Wednesday, all the concerts will be broadcast live on Radio 3.

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Simply Red Wembley Arena

As a support band at Roinie Scott's jazz club, Simply Red would be fine. How is it, then that the group has just filled the Wembley Arena for three consecwith the latest of the conservative nights? How did the latest album, A New Flame, come to be Britain's top selling LP 05/1989? These questions may encourage glib and cynical answers, but there were few easy solutions on offer at Wembley on Tuesday.

The record that immediately preceded Simply Red's appearance on stage was a slow and menacing regate direc. The group followed suit with a periodically downbast country. downbeat opener. Powered by a bass drum like the crack of doom, it plodded along to little effect and gave Mick Hucknall's much feted voice no chance to shine. The reegae vein continued until "Jericho" from the Picture Book alburn, and it was here that the true secret of the group's success was

Hucknall may be praised as a great soul singer but his voice is rather limited and relies on mandinerisms, including a slightly unpleasant wheedling edge, to convey an impression of emotion. Set against the lush, wine-bar settings of "Jericho", with its tasteful muted trumpet interjections its cool chords and its jazz Hucknall may be praised as a tions, its cool chords and its jazz solos, he can sound like the real thing, but this is merely another example of our faith in fakes.

The group's big song, perhaps its only true achievement in the songwriting department, is "Hold-mg Back The Years". Hucknail approached it solo, playing an acoustic guitar. Stripped bare, it sounded contrived, but still sucoceded in sticking in the mind like a piece of unwanted chewing gam and inevitably drew a huge re-

sponse from the fans. Hucknall is sufficiently shrewd to be aware of the group's statusage, dinner-party soul. He may publicly regret the fact that its audience is large enough and broad enough to contain supporters of the Conservative party but he became the buildst like a sessoned he bites the bullet like a seasoned entertainer. "Number 10 on your CD", he shouted, introducing "Enough". The irony was intended, and duly noted.

#### Nice play, but what a shame about the lines

Jeremy Kingston

The Lion and the Jewel Bridge Lane

Pleasure at being able to see again Wole Soyinka's first play, a sunny fable about courtship problems in the Nigerian bush, is clouded by the difficulty of making out what the actors are saying.
The company is called the

African Players and its members are drawn from this country and from West Africa, where the

THEATRE rhythms of speech follow a diffour leading players are alone with each other, your reviewer (drawn from this country) was unable to understand.

Sovinka tells a neatly updated story of the wily old man who pretends to be impotent in order to win a pretty maid. He is the chief of a Nigerian village who keeps adroitly to the customs of the past and wishes to add young Sidi, the local belle, to his harem. Her photograph has been published in the latest issue of Drum and her head is turned by the discovery that her teeth are described as flashing happiness and her skin is like velvet.

She now thinks herself far too grand to marry the local schoolteacher, particularly since his halfdigested modern principles will not permit him to pay the bride price. Even the Chief is now below her ambitions, which is why he spreads rumours about his impotence to outwit her resistance to an invitation to his home.

The play lightly touches on the conflict between different ways of life, old tribalism at odds with the perceived benefits of civilization which to Lakunle, the nattily waist-coated teacher, are seen in terms of knives and forks and breakable plates. "Where is our school of ballroom dancing?" he demands. "Who here can throw a

cocktail party?"
Lines like these have a merrily unexpected ring and I wish we could have made out more of them. Kayode Adesimi, playing Lakunle with vigorous elbow movements like a puppeteer's, lets us hear most of his lines; there is also a splendidly ripe performance by the amply-fleshed Jeillo Edwards as the Chief's senior wife. Her hair is like black smoke and she is blessed with amazing lips. But the Chief and Sidi, though both look terrific, are a burden on

Benedict Nightingale

Scenes from an Execution Almeida

For once, it was a first night to relish. It marked the start of Ian McDiarmid and Jonathan Kent's artistic reign at that appealing little theatre, the Almeida. Then it presented us with Glenda Jackson at her most awesomely assertive sand-blasting the ears with that excertaint the ears with that excertaint voice. And the play was as authentically interesting as anything its maddeningly un-predictable author has peumed in his 20-year career.

Was this the same Howard Barker whose Seven Lears I was accusing last week of being more facetions and benef then imagifacetions and banal than imaginative and stimulating? Yes, it was, successfully reversing that balance by writing with punch and sensitivity about a subject rather obviously close to his own heart: that of the impotence of truths and shape minds. Even his dialogue, if sometimes a bit flambovant, was sometimes a bit flamboyant, was

less (forid than usua). The initial signs were not good. The place was Venice; but the names in the programme — Supporta, Dementia, and, for a sinister cardinal, Ostensible — suggested that Barker was in one of his big, universalizing moods. The time was roughly 1572, but the business were not exactly High Renaissance, indicating we were to expect universality to turn topical from time to time.

The set, on whose shiny black tiles inscrutable shapes were scratched, evoked the inside of a vast, trendy bathroom and perhaps betrayed the difficulty of finding a

vivid yet adaptable design for what was originally a radio play. Barker's fable threatened to be exasperatingly right-minded. His protagonist, the painter Galactia,





Awesomely assertive: Glenda Jackson as a painter, Galactia, in Scenes from an Execution at the Almeida

ed to celebrate the Christian triumph over Islam at Lepante, a battle that attracted the talents of Titian, Tintoretto and Veronese. Since she is a realist, a woman and a rebel, her approach is very different from theirs. On her 100ftlong canvas all is "men minced" and "sliced ment". The freak with the arrow embedded in his head, who met Galactia in scene one, becomes an exemplary illustration of cruelty and suffering.

In other words, war is egly, a

defiantly honest artist says so and the authorities are unsurprisingly upset. The chanvinists, sexists and moralists turn on Galactia, cor-rectly if irrelevantly remembering that her private life is no more respectable than her public art. Jouathau Hyde's pained Doge — a nice performance, outwardly suave, inwardly nervy - consigns her to prison.

Even the ending is not altogether unpredictable, given the author's radicalism. It shows Galactia brought back over the Bridge of Sighs to become the victim of what used to be called repressive tolerance: an ad for Venice's sophistication, a celebrity and the Doge's dinner-guest. Yet Barker sweeps such objections aside, not only by the momentum of his narrative but by the contradictions he injects into it. It is not just that the mousters Galactia paints are personally

aims were not straightforwardly squalid, or that, by embarrassing a liberal Doge, she may open the political doors to harder, more philistine men. She herself has the myopia, narcissism and arrogance of genius: an accessation given credibility at times by the batt-

ering-ram acting of Jackson.

With Jonathan Hyde, Kevist McNally and others in good form. Ian McDiarmid's production is sound enough at the edges; but at the centre it is sound and fury, all rasp, snarl and strange ironic croonings. Jackson is exerbitant but meant to be so. Pioneers and seers are often literally insuffer-able people. That is their less. hi, Howard Barker's rueful view, it is

#### more complex, or that the war's Of mice and men and the oddities of beginners' pluck While I am not as convinced as cally for the instrument, and

some that the Park Lane Group's Young Artists and 20th Century Music" series is the most vital event of our musical calendar (the Almeida Festival has to be a more serious contender for that accolade), it is still invaluably instructive. Here we can witness the brilliance of artists at the beginning of their careers and how their tastes are forming.

In that respect it was rather worrying that Tuesday night's solo pianist, Andrew West, chose for his statutory new work Philip Martin's Masquerade II. You would see nothing wrong with it if you were content with music that is merely whimsically decorative.

Martin is a formidable pianist, knows well how to write idiomaticomposes in an attractive, freeranging language. However, we no longer live in the age of Schu-mann, and it is folly for a composer to try to rekindle that spirit, which seems to be Martin's aim in these five short character

The remainder of West's programme consisted of rather more revolutionary material, and he relished both Schoenberg's pathfinding, instinctively formed Drei Klavierstücke, Op 11, of 1908, and Charies Ives's anarchic, exuberant Three-Page Sonata, of 1905, to the

He is a physically strong as-sertive player, which proved his undoing in Tippett's Second Sonata (we are to hear all four

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sonatas this week); despite its fragmented nature and its gritty surface this is a piece that benefits from carefully moderated speeds and colours, and from silences which imply softness rather than

The later recital offered the abundant talents of two musicians still studying at the Royal Academy of Music. Oboist Mark

slightly nervous reading of Britten's Temporal Variations of 1936, a difficult, not particularly inspired cycle, though the performance was improved by some excellent, positive work at the piano from Carol Yu.

Radcliffe seemed far happier with the higher tessitura and the challenging multiphonics of Edwin Roxburgh's eloquent Antares, with the richly scored but rather earthbound cycle of alternating fast and slow movements of Anthony Powers's brand new In Shadow (both accompanied by Yu), and with Yuji Takahashi's Operation Euler (1967), in which he was required to play in counter-

point with taped oboe sounds.

Often, Takahashi's piece soun-

Radcliffe began his quota with a ded like a collection of frantically squeaking mice, but at least the composer, and this refreshing player, showed the right explorative approach.

Sharing this concert with Radcliffe was a cellist, Philip Sheppard, who gave the most polished performances of the evening. Again he chose Britten (Suite No 1), turning what can seem a rather door sequence of movements into something compelling. thanks both to his rhythmic discipline and some gloriously full-toned playing.

His new work was August?

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Producer Paula Weinstein responds: To sorry Marlon Brando has had this disagreement

with MGM. He was the first

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In a lifetime you rarely get the

chance to work with someone as

extraordinary as Brando. It's also

rare that you get a movie which

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The novel, first published in

Afrikaans in 1979, is about a white

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aware of the realities of apartheid

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lo his black gardener and his family at the time of the Soweto

Brink sold the film rights carly

in the Eighties. When in 1986

David Puttnam wanted to make

the film for Warners he found the

rights situation more complicated.

'I had to broker a deal," Puttnam

says. "But Euzhan was always part

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uprising

Geoff Brown reviews Parenthood, a distorted cameo of family life, while David Robinson looks at the agony of Vietnam memories in In Country

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perform see-saws from moment to

moment. Mary Steenburgen radiates quietly as Martin's hard-pressed wife; and Martin's

routines (some birthday party fooling a victory dance after their

son makes a crucial baseball catch)

drops and Howard dons his

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# Playing happy families



Togetherness: Steve Martin and Mary Steenburgen share a quiet moment during the struggle of parenting

hile Parenthoon cereuraus and strife of raising children,
Three d Hooch bests the drum for

dogs. Not that Hooch is a choice specimen: this hulk (one of the French breed De

Berdeaux) is a consummate drooler and wrecker of furniture, with a fine collection of

dangling jowis. By a twist of the thunder-ously unoriginal plot — concocted by five writers — he is matched with Turner (Tom

Hanks), an obsessively fussy small-town

police investigator, beat on solving a murder

shot on location in Canada.

You had, of course, already made two

short films for Channel 4 and British

Screen, one of which was then released with

The Tall Guy and screened at the Berlin

Film Festival with Mississippi Burning. Ob,

and by the way, there is a collection of your short stories (Flamingoes in Orbit) coming

Would you have the tact to look a little

As Philip Ridley strides towards me,

grinning from beneath his black beret, there

are no signs of fatigue. No falling eyelids or

simred speech. In an hour of occasionally

interrupted monologue against a hissing

backdrop of Gaggias in one of those strip-lit

coffee bars on Leicester Square, Ridley

But, his tactless liveliness notwithstand-

cause he is so good at what he does, and

ing. I cannot help but like Mr Ridley. Why?

what he does is so odd. He is a man gifted

with both verbal and visual skills, and

afflicted with a very strange imagination. Not that he sees it as an affliction. It is an

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Dry White Season. The

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looks almost chirpy.

tired, a little frayed at the creative edges? I

am not asking for humility, just chronic

out in the spring from Hamish Hamilton.

to which Hooch was the sole witness. The two begin as growling antagonists; by the end, of course, they are devout chums.

Hanks is each a nimble comedian that it burts to see his talents yoked to this routine script. The dog, played by Beasley, is no slouch, either: together they milk everything possible from the scenes of tossie and mayhem. Against this pair, the remantic interest (the new local vet) has the impact of a limp lettuce, while the final rush of melodrama seems a grotesque intrusion.

direct something small. So far, it has not happened - unless one remembers his modest debut fea-ture Grand Theft Auto, a car-crash bonanza from the genre's heyday in the mid-Seventies. Parenthood follows in the genial, but over-ambitious footsteps

ext time around, someone should point a gun at Ron Howard and force him to

of Solash and Cocoon: a sprawling comic saga, forever on the brink of saying something meaningful about family life, forever collapsing into detachable comic sketches. As many of the sketches feature Steve Martin - heading a remarkably strong cast as an overanxious parent straining for perfection and surrounded by domestic strife - the film is easy to enjoy. But a stronger controlling hand (with less of a sweet tooth) would have stopped the script dribbling and given it far more punch.

Parenthood throws us into the vortex of one of those large well-upholstered American families, forever gathering for parties and dinners; spiritually, if not geographically, we are close to recent Woody Allen country (this is St Louis, rather than New York

yell of disbelief. natchwork of Jewish memories down the decades, relayed by New York Jewish actors filmed at night in high-gloss bues under the shadow of the Williamsburg Bridge. Painful soliloquies of heartbreak and misfortune reb shoulders with cross-talk routines that could have strayed from the vandeville stage. Among current releases, it would be hard to match Akerman's modest film for thoughtful simplicity and emotional appeal.

Although the controversy still simmers as

to whether Ridley has underplayed the violence or glamourized it, Ridley himself is

immersed in a new world. The Reflecting

Skin is set in a completely different cinematic landscape. Ridley has left the

crime-ridden streets of the concrete jungle

for the endless horizons of Canada, reveal-

ing an allegience to the film-terrain of Terrence Malick, one of the very few

Set in Fifties mid-west North America, and backed by the BBC, British Screen and

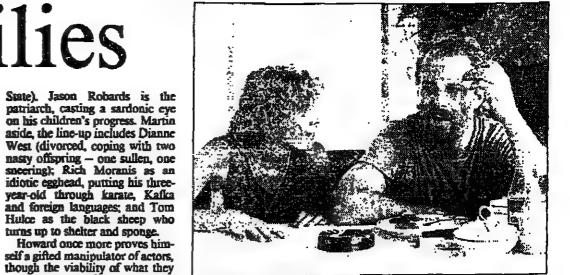
Zenith, The Reflecting Skin is an unusual,

intimidating film. A rate of passage, charting

the painful loss of innocence of its eight-

American directors Ridley admires.

Geoff Brown



Revelations: Emily Lloyd, an excited adventurer, with Bruce Willis deeply concerned with the trauma and legacy of the Vietnam war. Norman Jewison's In Country (15, Warner West End), adapted from a novel by the Kentucky writer Bobby Ann Ma-son, sees it from the viewpoint of

Samantha (Emily Lloyd), a girl whose father was killed in action before she was born. When Robards caves in to Hulce's entreaties, funding his flight to South America while Leaving school at the age her

father was when he died, she is suddenly driven to discover more about this man she never knew. The people around her are

reluctant to dredge their memories. Her mother has moved on to a new life. The war-veteran uncle with whom she lives (Bruce Willis) has retreated into cynical, reclusive eccentricity. His contemporaries have found their own ways to evade the resentment and guilt.

Samantha's persistence forces a few of them to face - and sometimes exorcize - the past.

The script by Frank Pierson and Cynthia Cidre attempts to deal with more characters and more aspects of the Vietnam trauma than it can really come to grips with. The fragmented narrative, shaped by the novel, runs the constant risk of what was pinpointed years ago by Milos Forman: "Without a story, even with the most incredible artistry, you will be boring. Without a story there is no movie.

True, there is artistry. The final sequence, where Samantha takes her uncle and rustic grandparents to the Washington war memorial, is surprisingly touching, a skilful mixture of tact, sentiment and the

The film, moreover, has Emily Lloyd, whose sparky vitality dominates the action. She has a quality of coming alive on screen, and of convincing us that she is impelled by real thoughts and feelings.

Even given the number of accomplished young actresses available in Hollywood it is easy to see why Jewison would cast this remarkable young English personality in a role which demands such varied reaction to the mysteries of adults and their history.

The star of Percy Adlon's Rosalie Goes Shopping (Screen on the Hill, Chelsea Cinema, Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue) is Marianne Sagebrecht - the stout, solemn young lady who was seen in Sugar Baby and invading the American West in Bagdad Cafe. Now she is seen established in the little town of Stuttgart, Arkanses, as the "peace-time war-bride" of a crop-

sprayer pilot (Brad Davis). She

Tollywood is currently conscientiously provides for their family by dextrously juggling credit cards and signing cheques which bounce merrily through the county.

Just when the finance houses seem about to catch up with her, she fortutously discovers the computer. Sincere application quickly makes her a champion hacker and con-woman supreme, with the banks terrorized and eating out of her hands. Her sins reach a scale that demands daily absolution - which only moves her confessor (Judge Reinhold) to read the finance columns.

Appealing though it is to see a victim of the system turn the tables, the nefarious Rosalie is inevitably less sympathetic than the innocent, warm-hearted heroines of the earlier films. She is redeemed by her touching loyalty to her sweetly dumb husband and

Adlon's consumer-society targets are generally obvious, but his fun is light and original; in an irresistible sequence Rosalie's family circle sits around the TV set singing along with the commercial jingles like a revivalist meeting.

Ladder of Swords (15, Cannon Tottenham Court Road) is a small, bright original film from British Screen and Channel 4. Directed and co-scripted by a firsttime feature director. Norman Hull, it takes a film noir melodrama and replants it in the unaccustomed soil of the Northumbrian moors.

Don Demarco (Martin Shaw) is circus performer pursued by a guilty past, a drunken, blackmailing wife, and an obsessive policeman who is determined to nail him. He lives in his trailer, parked behind a public phone box in the hope that one day the call will come that will take him to the big time in Continental circus. His troubles escalate after his wife poisons his dancing bear and walks out with his money.

The complications of this tall story are pursued with ingenuity and a tongue-in-cheek humour breaks out into full comedy in the progressive discomfortures of the excellent Bob Peck as the Geordie Dirty Harry. Hull has matched his cast well: Martin Shaw as the going-to-seed hero, Eleanor David and Juliet Stevenson as his bad and good angels, and a débutant actor, Pearce Quigley, whose dopily earnest PC indicates a real comedy talent. Thaddeus O'Sullivan's photography shows what exotic locations our cinema has neglected.

David Robinson

#### Bethnal Green boy Philip Ridley bounds from strength to strength. Oscar Moore reports magine you had recently seen your one-man show of paintings taken down in

East End to West End Turin, with several of the pieces already en route for New York. Your novella imagination filled with birds, insects and (Crocodilia) had shortly preceded the publication (by Penguin) of your first novel, in the Eyes of Mr Fury. You had written (in two weeks over one Christmas) one of the reptiles; with Ridley's own, very particular, set of demons. It is an imagination fermented in the insiders-only world of Bethnal Green, the heart of London's East most talked about screenplays of the year End: a world of brick streets and thin walls, (The Krays), and were already half way through post-production on your first feature length film (The Reflecting Skin), where everybody knows a little too much about everyone else. A world where Philip Ridley grew up and where he still lives, complaining about the noise of Marillion through his thin walls.

Who better then, than this painter-writer-director, wrapped up in an East End more sinister and intriguing than anything imag-ined in Albert Square, to script *The Krays?* Well, at the time Philip Ridley could think of quite a few better people.

"When Dominic Anciano and Jim Beach approached me first of all, I said no, because thought they would want some kind of eeney meets The Professionals' with that sort of violence throughout. I had no interest in writing that sort of film, but I gave them In The Eves of Mr Fury to read, and I said to them, 'if you're interested in this kind of style then I'm interested in doing the film." They were. He did.

In fact, Ridley had always been keen to write the screenplay, as long as he could write it his way. After all, in East End demonology, who is more potent than Reggie and Ronnie? Like many kids born in the Sixties, Ridley grew up hearing whis-pered stories through half-opened bedroom doors: stories of men buried in concrete flyovers; stories of kindness to old ladies.



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laughter in the dark. But you do need to believe, with director Chantal Akerman, that "it is always beautiful to watch someone

talking intensely and maffectedly. A face, a

voice, a body and a story . . ."

For that is the sum of American Stories: a

Ridley: gifted with verbal and visual skills

rarely," Ridley admits. "They have got the elements of archetypal myth. Especially the fact that they are twins. But I knew that the idea of crooks being chased by the police wasn't going to work. So the decision I took was that we would not have one policeman in the film. Instead, what the twins (Gary and Martin Kemp) are getting up to is seen in a very oblique way, through the eyes of their mother, Violet (Billy Wilder). The first and last words in the film are hers, and they

year-old hero, it was described by one crew member as "Stand By Me meets Blue Velver". Ridley likes the description. "It was a difficult film to pull off, because the dialogue is very stylized, and it could quite easily lapse into some cheapo Ameri-can Gothic. But it is a very sad film, and a devastating indictment of what can happen a child." For his first full-length feature. Ridley is not making his life easier: filming in a foreign country with a foreign crew and "A story like The Krays comes along very

an eight-year-old boy in every scene. But Ridley seems to have survived with more anecdotes than traumas. "There was one magical moment, when I was doing this tracking shot of the boy running through wheat. I was setting the shot up with my cameraman Dick Pope. Dick looked through the lens and said, 'Oh yes. In 20 years' time people will look at a shot like

this and say, "very Reflecting Skin". And I said, 'Yes. But will they mean it as a compliment?" there's a contrived happy ending. but that's OK. On a philosophical level I can justify that - to show

the struggle can be won."
Weinstein says: "It's a thriller in the spirit of the book. The thriller aspect has to kick in because we can't just preach at people. And the ending is not Hollywood, that's how Euzhan and I saw it. The novel is 10 years old. We didn't want to say become active and die'. We wanted to show the Author André Brink is delighted possibility of change. We also wanted to show this was fundamentally a black struggle."

Weinstein is, she says, "extremely proud of the movie. Euzhan did it wonderfully. It was her project. She was absolutely committed to it. She was offered a lot of material after Sugar Cane Alley but she never wavered. She was positively convinced this was the film she wanted to make. "Through all the ups and downs

of getting the picture made it was clear we were doing it for reasons far beyond 'just another movie'." However, Marlon Brando fears that is just what they have done. A Dry White Season opens in Britain



# Question of right and wrong

Peter Guttridge looks at the interpretation of A Dry White Season

based on a book by mished South African writer André Brink. It is directed by Enzhan Palcy, award-winning director of La Rue Cases Negres. Paula Weinstein as producer and she paid off Welland. "Colin's And it marks the return to the script was extremely well written creen of Marion Brando after an but it wasn't the story I wanted to tell," says Weinstein. "I had long ight-year lay-off. Among strong performances from an all-star admired the novel but thought the cast - including Donald Suthermovie had to show the struggle and, Janet Suzman, Susan and pain of the blacks. I also Sarandon and South African actor thought it should reveal Ben as an Zakes Mokae - it is Brando's active rather than a passive man. When we met in 1986, Euzhan telling cameo as a liberal lawyer which stands out. "The book is all about Ben, the However, Brando is reportedly

incensed that his part is only a education of a white man in South Africa," says Palcy. "I didn't want to make that film. It is more cameo. He went on television in the United States for the first time in 16 years to complain that, by compelling to have it as a film leaving most of his part on the cutting-room floor, MGM had about two families, one black and one white. And the victimization they suffer because of the minorspoiled the film. "I've had scenes cut before," said Brando, who took a fraction of his usual fee to ity-rule system." appear in the film, "but it isn't about that. It's about what the cuts

Welland is still credited as cowriter of the screenplay. "I'd written a couple of versions of the script when I was paid off," he says. "Palcy rewrote the script but the Writers' Guild decided I got first credit. Palcy altered a lot of the dialogue and put other elements in. There is a revenge shooting of a South African policeman that is a bit Hollywood."

Weinstein comments: "Enzhan had a story in her head and I told her to write it. We had already discussed structuring it as a thriller."

The consequence of this structure and of concentrating on the two families is that many actors' parts were substantially reduced. Susan Sarandon's part as a liberal journalist all but vanished. Janet Suzman, as Ben's wife, also had little screen time left.

But I can see that the relationship between husband and wife was irrelevant because the throst of the film is Ben with the black people," Suzman says. "And there's enough left to show he had a good marriage. I think the film is a workmanlike thriller, a roman policier, I suppose. But the content is greater than the form."

with the results. "I was deeply impressed when I saw the film, he says. "I was prepared for some major changes but by and large they are justified. I wish I had done one or two myself. "On the whole I approve of the fact they have made it a thriller.

Here and there a touch of understatement could have worked for example in the torture scenes. But I understand from people who have experienced these things that those scenes are true to life.

"After Cry Freedom and A World Apart there couldn't be another film seen only from a white point of view. There is an element of Hollywoodizing And

man. Filmsy as a narrative, but handsomely shot in Namable, 1988.

- THE DREAM MASTER beneger!" cries a youngster murderer and cult movie

Absurd action fantasy, wisely released straight to video, with biceps-strewn hulk Dolph Lundgren (Stallone's Russian opponent in Rocky IV) as a Soviet special agent who swaps sides during a mission to kill a rebel African leader. A comic strip on



Agreement: Marlon Brando joining forces with Donald Sutherland

#### VIDEO BOX Geoff Brown

A selection of films recently released on video. The date refers to the year of first release, or in the case of television films, of first

BEYOND THE VALLEY OF THE DOLLS (CBS/Fex. 18): Delicious camp extravanganza from the king of skinflicks, Russ Meyer, made in 1970 during his brief firtation with mainstream Holland The view mainstream Hollywood. The plot three girls' adventures in show business - bears a slight resemblance to the 1967 Valley of the Dolls, but that's where the

comparison ends. DISTANT THUNDER (CIC, 18): Lugubnous re-hash of Vietnam war Angst, with John Lithgow as the veteran hiding with his memories in the hills of Washington Steps, and Raich Macchio as the son determined to bring him home. Director: Rick Rosenthal.

FEDS (Warner, 15): Police Academy in skirts, with Rebecca DeMornay and Mary Gross as FBI trainees running the gauntiet of

their male colleagues. Flat low-brow comedy. 1988.

JAWS 3 (CIC, 15): Jaws 3-D originally, with lots of underwater photography and the usual quota of chawed humans. Modest fare; with Dennis Quald and Bess Armstrong, 1983. JAWS 4 (CIC, 15): A stronger plot

than its predecessor (the widow of the sheriff in the original film believes her family is the subject of a shark vendetta), though its potential is frittered away. With Lorraine Gray, 1987.

JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL (CIC, Uk Richard Bach's pretentious fable about a seaguif's search for perfection provides a feast of wildlife photography (the only humans are behind the camera). The philosophizing and Neil Diamond's music are, however, strictly a matter of taste.

MISSING LINK (CIC, PG): Dialogue-less oddity with an ecological message, featuring Peter Elliott encased in one of Flick Baker's make-up specials as the world's last apaman, doomed to extinction by the violent upstant,

MYRA BRECKINRIDGE (CBS/Fox, 18k Gore Vidal's satirical novel

about Hollywood powermongering, filmed by ex-pop singer Michael Same as a crude charade, with Raquel Welch as the film critic transformed by a sex-change operation. Worth a glance for the indomitable Mae West, nearing 80. A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET 4

(CBS/FOX, 18): "Did you ever look at our town's history? It's not exactly a safe place to be a disstined to be mincement in the hands of Freddy Krueger, child Grisly mayhem with lavish effects but it contains little imagination.

RED SCORPION (Vestron, 15):



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PAPERBACKS

# The rhythm of success

country as one half of the Bob and Marcia duo which enjoyed a Top 5 hit in 1970 with a sprightly version of Nina Simone's black pride authem "Young Gifted and Black". But she is also currently rajoying a surge of popular succe in America with her remake of the Bunny Wailer song "Electric Boo-gie" (No 59, without a builet), a combination of hot calypso rhythms spiced with snatches of reseaseffix rap which has appurentity sparked off something of a mini-dance craze in the States. She is featured together with fellow Januarican stars Dennis Brown and Freddie McGregor on the Reggae Superfest package tour, which eyens in Leeds touight, But it is a reflection of reggae's continuing commercial malaise that of three such august performers — all former gisats of Jamaica's famed Studio One label — only Griffiths holds a current UK recording contract. McGregor, whose "Just Don't Want to be Lonely" was a UK Top 10 hit in 1987 and who has become a superstar in South America, was dropped by Polydor last Autumn, while Dennie Brown, who in 1983 enjoyed no less than six hits in the enjoyed no less main six ans in the UK reggae chart, remains a perennial live attraction. Tonight, Astoria, 339 Roundhay Road, Leeds (0532 490362) 7.30pm, £7-28; tomorrow, International 2, Manchester (061 236 2577); January ary 27, Hummingbird, Birming-ham (021 236 4236); January 28, UEA, Norwich (6603 505401); January 29, Top Rank, Brighton (0273 732627); January 30, Astoria, London WC2 (01-434



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0403); January 31, Lean Cliff Hall, Folkestone (0303 53193). David Sinclair



The soprano Emma Kirkby (above) performs at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank tonight (see listings). As part of the current International Leider Recital series, she sings 17th-century arie autiche by Monte-verdi, Galilei, Strozzi and others. She is accompanied by Anthony Rooley, who plays tute. An alter-native Lieder recital takes place at the Wigmore Hall tonight, the recitals in which the tenor Christophe Homberger sings the Schöne Müllerin cycle (see listings for

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#### CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

th BACH FOR Lithrick Peter Lac-Cox conducts the St Mary-et-Hill Ensemble in Bach's loth freue mich in dir Cantata. St Annes and St Agnes's, Greshein St, London Edge 01-3/3 5588), 1.10-1 55887.

th MOSERTS RECITAL: Poland Roberts plays Eigan's Violin Sonata and Grieg's Sonata No 2. The planist is Tanya St John's, Smith Sq. London SWI (01-222 1061), 1.15pm, £2.50.

EVENING

Park Lane Group's "Young Artists and Twentieth-Century Music' series, David Andrew Jones gives the London premiere of Edwin Roxburgh's six Etudes and, as a well deserved tributa to his 85th birthday, performs Tippett's Piano Sonata No 2.

Purcell Room, South Bank, London SEI. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE (01-928 8800), 6.30pm, £3-£5.

\* SEUNG-HEE HYUN: This Korean planist, winner of first prizes at the Chopin Young Planists' Competition and the Bach International Competition, plays Chopin's Impromptu Op 36,

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th WILLIAMS JOB: Vaughan Williams's Job and Mozart's Symphony No 32 are lawed from the Hallin Orchestine under Sir Charles Groves, while in Rachtteninov's Plano Concerto No 2 the soloist is Philip Fowks. Free Trade Hall, Peter St. Manche (061 834 1712), 7.30pm, \$2-£11. FAIR MAID: In the first of three

Schubert Lieder recitals Christophe Homberger, tenor, sings the Schöne Müllerin cycle. Wigmore Hee, 36 Wigmore St, London Wi (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4.50-29.

& MAGIC INCZART: Marcello Violii sr miture indizatri: Marcelo violii conducts the ECO in Mezeri's Zsuberilote Overture, Mendelsschn's Violin Concerto (Stephanie Gorley, solcist) srid Schubert's Symphony No 9, Barbican Centre, Silk St. London EC2 (01-639 8891), 7.45pm, £7.50-£15.50.

A MARTIN'S MASQUERADE: The Irish planist Philip Martin plays his Masquerade, premiered at the Purcell Room on Tuesdey, adding to it Brahme's Scherzo Op 4, Schumann's Nachtstücke and a sonata by Schubert. Turner Stass Concert Hall, Southampton University, Southampton (0703 671771), Som. 25.

TROMBONE CLARIMETS: The Park Lane Group's "Young Artists and Twentieth-Century Music" series carries on with Sigurder Thorbergeson (trombone), the Thurston Clarinet Cuartet and Clare Toomer (plano) performing clarinet quartets by Fricker, Absil and Roxburgh, Sackman's Trombone Sonata, Stockhausen's in Freundschaff and new pieces by Chua, Sawer and Martin Sawyer and Martin. Purcell Room, 8pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ KIRKBY CONCERT: See picture. Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank, London SEI (01-928-8800), 7.45pm, 28-£12.50.

OPERA

\* HANSEL AND GRETEL: English National Opera's new year revival continues the run, now with Christine Botes and Alison Hagley taking over the title-roles, and with James Holme Colliseum, St Martin's Lans, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.45pm, £3.-£33.

★ DON PASQUALE: New production of Donizetti's opera buffa for Opera North: Andrew Shore takes the title-role and Devid Lloyd-Jones conducts. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-9.45pm, £5-£21.

#### ROCK - -

\*\* SQUEEZE: With their jaunty tunes and quirky, sentimental lyrics about the mundanities of everyday life, the south Londoners have become a charmingly quaint if dispideted English pop

institution. Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Rd (091 261 2606), 7.30pm, 28-29. \* PAUL McCARTNEY: Start of the London run of this dazzing show which celebrates the Beatles' heritage as much as it showcases new material true this unar's companional. much as it showcases now major in from this year's comparatively impressive Flowers in the Dirt album. Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middleser (01-902 1234), 7.30pm, 218.50, for 11 nights.

\* CHRIS REA: Still benefiting from Mark Knopfler's prolonged leave of absence, and every inch a rock star for these adult orientated, CD-erriched

times. NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133), 7.30pm, £12-£14. TEARS FOR FEARS: Earnest Roland Orzabel and cute Curt Smith, intermittent menufacturers of adult-pop blockbusters like the current album, *The* 

Seeds of Love.

Apollo, Archylck Green, Mancheste (061 278 3775), 7.80pm, £12-£14.

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A LLOYD RYAN: The drummer's modern quartet includes sexochlonist Derek Nash and plantst Mark Edelman Colchester Arts Centre, Church St (0206 577301), 8.30pm, 23.50.

⇒ JOHN DANKWORTH: Reunion time as the saxophonist-composer brings together players from his big band and the Dankworth Seven. Support from the Brian Dee Trio.

Remie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2). To Jan 20.

☆ HAL GALPER: Closing night from the American planist, promoting a new Concord album, "Portrait", Backing from the Peter Ind Trio. Base Clef, 35 Coronet St, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, 25.

☆ N.A.N.C.Y.: Goothey Taibot and Miles Waiter take the improvising quartet through selections from its recent, sponymous recording. Black Cat Club, The White Horse, 164 Fleet Lane, London NW3 (01-485 2112), 8.30pm, 23.

#### DANCE - -

\* THE NUTCRACKER: Peter Schaufuss's complicated version of the Tchelkovsky classic for English National Royal Festival Hall, South Benk, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, 25-219.50.

#### GALLERIES

KRISTIN CHARLESWORTH: PSS watercolours and drawings of a range of subjects, including Tuscan landscapes. New Gretten Gallery, 49 Church Rd. London SW13 (01-748 8850), Tusca-Sat 10am-5.30pm, iree, until Jan 27.

DEFEDRIE O'CCAMELL: Sculptures from the recent period this artist spent in italy white on a frome Fellowship. Arts Council Gallery, Bedford St, Belfast (0232 321402), Tuee-Set, 10em-form, free, until Feb 3.

SURFACE, STRUCTURE, GROUND: Recent paintings by Tim Wright. Wilson Hele, 65 Golborns Pd., London W10 (01-968 3320), Tues-Thurs 11am-6pm, Fri-Set 10am-6pm, free, until Feb 10.

THE OTHER STORY: Works by post-war Caribbean origins. Hayward Gallery, South Benk Centre, London SE1 (01-261 0127), daily 10en 6pm, £4, until Feb 4.

PRE-FIAPHAELITES: PAINTERS AND PATRONS IN THE NORTH EAST: A show bringing together the impressive collections amassed by Newcastie's Victorian Industrialists.
Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastie (081 232 7734), Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Set 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, 21, until Jan 14.

BOOY AND SOUL: Sculptures, drawings and prints by Eric Gill (1892-1942). City Art Gellery, Mosley St, Manchester (061 236 9422), Mon-Sat 10em-5pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Mar 11.

NEW CONTEMPORARIES: Paintings and sculpture by students and recent art graduates.

Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930 3647), daily noon-8pm, £1, until Jan 14.

SCULPTURES OF THE 20TH CENTURY: Picces by most of the medium's major figures from Bariach to Warhol. National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff (0222 734701), Tues-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until

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GALLERY LECTURE: Constable and Turner by Wendy Nelson-Cave. National Portrait Gallery, Lecture Room, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), 1.10pm, free.

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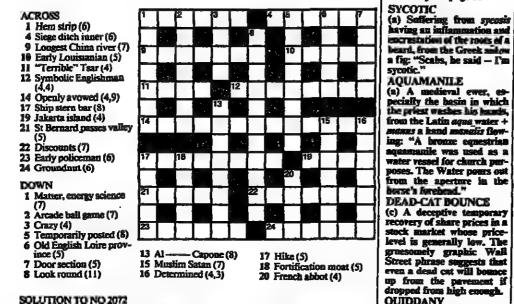
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8905; hospital in Liverpool, which has pioneered an enterprising new approach towards helping such parents to over-come their grief. Tom, the baby son of Dave and Sue Sutton, died three years OTHER EVENTS ago at seven and a half months. It happened at the worst possible time, just before Christmas. When the next Christmas came round, one of the other Sutton children asked whether it was his turn to die. But, like other bereaved parents, the



Sue Sutton and her three children, with a picture of baby Tom (BBC2, 9.30pm)

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● In This Week (ITV, 8.30pm) Joan Dooking not the sea. Grant Ro Nation.
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Personal The sea. Grant Ro Nation. Shenton reports on the growing con-troversy surrounding hormone replace-ment therapy or HRT. The medical case inent merapy of HRT.
for HRT is that it can n symptoms and help avoid thinning bones which can lead to osteoporosis and disabling fractures in older women. According to John Studd, a consultant gynaecologist who runs several menopause clinics, it is "the most important evelopment in preventive medicine in western world for half a century". On the other hand, there is evidence that women on HRT stand a greater risk of developing breast cancer. There is also a commercial bandwagon. With the HRT market doubling between 1988 and 1989, and the prospect that two million women will be on HRT by the end of the century, competition among the drug Wells and Tes companies is intense. Company Colon Francis Bookings to

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minutes, and regular sports bulletins weather, regional news and travel, and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan 8.55 Regional News and weather 9.00 News and weather followed by Open All with Eamonn Hotnes and Jayne Irving. To contribute, ring 051 814 0424 SUMS Themes News 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a studio discussion

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10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. Quiz (r)
10.25 Children's 55C, presented by Simon Parkin, starts with Playdays. The Patch Stop (r)
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Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando. Includes news headlines every 15 minutes, and regular sports bullatins,

Trouble (r) 10.56 Five to Elevent with Elech Atkins
11.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air. Jonathan Powell and Alan
Yentob, the controllers of BBC1 und BBC2, answer viewers

questions 12-00 News and weather followed by

12-00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live with Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers 12-55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton, followed by Weather with John Kettley
1.30 Neighbours. Cupid alms an arrow at Mrs Mangel and John Worthington, and there is an unfortunate incident with Madge's cake during the competition. (Ceefax)
1.50 Going for Gold. Cutz with Henry Kelly

Kelly

2.15 Film: No Man of Her Own (1950, b/w), melodrama starring Barbara Starrwyck, John Lund and Jane Cowl. A rich couple ponder over a dark secret that has been concealed for many years. Directed by Mitchell Leison

3.50 Children's BBC, presented by O Children's BBC, presented by Andi Peters, starts with Dooby Duck's Disco Bus (f) 3.35 Charlie Challe. Arnold's Night Out (r) 4.10 Ten in a Bed. Linto Cirl Sandwich, narrated by Victoria Wood (r) 4.25 New Yogi Bear Show. Buffalooed Bear 4.25 Alformo Bonzo. The Mouse Project 5.00 Newsround with Roger Finn and Helan Rollason 5.05 Dam Peter with Yvette Fielding, Caron Keating and John Lesile. (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours. A chance to see the episode shown earlier. (Ceefax) 5.00 Six O'Clock Norm with Poter Sissons and Andrew Harvey, followed by Weather with lan McCaskill

#L30 Nowwood South East 7.00 Top of the Pops with DJ Simon Mayo (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)

7.30 EmitEnders. Michelle has something on her mind but is reluctant to share it with her mother; Wicksy finds it difficult to concast his feelings; and Marge realizes who her real triands are. (Caefax)

(Castille)

Stableford reports from the European Space Agency mission control in Darmstadt, from where last August the £200 million satellite "Hipparcoe" hurtled into the wrong orbit.

B.30 May to December. The second-part of a romantic drame comedy about a wealthy, middle-aged Scottish widower who falls in love with a 27-year-old PE teacher. Stars Eve Matheson and Anton Second Rodgers, (Ceetax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock Nows with Michael Buerk, followed by Regional Name **MINCL WANTERWA** 

9.30 One Foot in the Grave. The Big Siesp. The second part of a comedy series about 60-year-old Victor, who is waking up to the realization of what enforced early retirement means after 26 years as a security officer. Sta 10.00 See for Yourself. Speak for Yourself. The BBC chairman,

Marmaduke Hussey, and the director-general, Michael Checkland, answer viewers' questions about programmes and schedules 11.00 Cagney and Lacey. Chop Shop.
A dangerous operation to uncover a car-theft network goes wrong and a colleague's life hangs in the balance. Stars Sharon Glees and Tyne Daty (r)

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10.40 This Marning with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Chris Steele, family doctor, gives health advice. Includes News headlines at 10.55 and Regional News at 11.55

12.10 The Riddlers. Why are Mossop and Tiddler fishing in the well?

12.20 Home and Away. Aitsa tells All that she is five months pregnant but there is another secret she

1.00 News at One followed by national

weather
1.20 Themes News and weather
1.30 Snooker. Third quarter final of the Mercantile Credit Classic, presented by Tony Francis from Norbreck

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Castle, Blackpool
3.25 Themse News and weather
3.20 Sons and Despiters. Flora
presents Janke and Andy with a
challenge. Beryl is having a hard
time in prison
4.00 Children's ITV, presented by
Jeanne Downs, starts with Hot Dog
4.15 Doglanties and the Three
Musicehounds. Hurry Before the
Adventure Starts (r) 4.40 Woofl
Mised Doubles. In the last in the
present series, it looks as if Roy's
homble sister has found out Eric's
secret. (Oracle)
5.10 Blockbushers. Quiz with Bot
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7.00 Emmerdale. Nick Bates and Dolly
start work; Nick finds the going
tough, white Dolly must find
someone to look after Sam. Zoe is
trying to start work on her college
project, but finds the local farmers far
from helpful
7.30 Sunvival. Gita Monster, featuring
the world's most venomous itsurds—

the world's most venomous lizards — the gila monster and beaded lizard. One lives in a humid forest, the other in a desert

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8.00 The Bill. I Thought You'd Gone. It is the last day at Sun Hill police station for inspector Frazer and PC Taffy Edwards. Tosh Lines starts a namour that the book Frazer in planning to write is a kiss-and-tell story of life at Sun Hill. (Oracle)

8.00 This Week (see Choice)

9.00 The Adventures of Shericak Holmes. The Copper Beaches. The job as governess for Jethro Rucastle seems perfect for young Violet Hunter — spart from the stipulation that she must have her head shorn before starting work. Agreeing to the strange request, she heads for Humpshire, but soon sends a plea for help to Holmes, Stars Jeremy Brett, David Burkin and Natasha Richardson (f). (Oracle)

10.30 Traumes Moves and weather 10.35 The City Programme includes a look at the TSB

wasther, (Oracle)

11.05 Snooker. Tonight's games should reveal the four semi-finalists in the Mercantile Credit Classic. Followed by Crimestoppers (\*). (Oracle)

12.30cm Prisonen Cell Block H. The strike begins. Vera is attacked in the laundry room and the women

head for the roof series from America

2.30 News headlines followed by Films
Woman Chases Nam (1937, b/w).
Miriam Hopkins, Joel McCrea and
Charles Winninger star in this
romantic comedy about a feminist
architect who persuades a millionaire
to ignest in a property. to invest in a property development project. Directed by John G. Blystone

4.00 News headlines followed by Three's Company, Upstairs, Downstairs, Downstairs, Chaos ensues when Jack tries to juggle three different anarments 4.30 America's Top 10 with Casey

Kasem (r)
6.00 ITN Morning North Ends at 6.00

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8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 The Little Train to Lynton (r) 9.30 Betjemen in Australia (r) 9.55 The Historyman. The Little Church at Granted In

Braxted (r) 10.00 Laurel and Hardy (b/w). Night

Cowis

10.20 Film: West of the Pecos (1945, b/w), starring Robert Mitchum and Barbara Hale. A cowhand teaches a youngster the ways of Texan life. Directed by Edward Killy

11.20 Film: Man Alive (1945, b/w), starring Pat O'Brien and Adolphe Menjou. A desperate businessman tries to win back his wife after her old flame sparks into life. Directed by Ray Enright

12.30 The Samurai from Twickenham (r) 1.29 Fingermouse. Drum (r) 1.35 Look, Stranger (r)

2.00 News and weather followed by In the Garden. January. First of a new monthly series

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2.15 Antiques Roadshow from Blackpool (r). (Ceefax)
3.09 News and weather followed by Westminster Live, including Prime Minister's Question Time
3.50 News and weather followed by Regional News and weather
4.00 Catchword with Paul Cola
4.30 Behind the Headlines with Paul Boateng, MP, and Jeffrey Archer
5.00 Northern Arts. John Atkin, the sculptor, talks about the Influence of Wiltred Owen's poetry on his work (r)

work (r)

5.10 Horizon. Oil Spill (r). (Ceefax)

6.00 Film: Moby Dick (1956), starring
Gregory Peck, Orson Welles and
Richard Basehart. Adventure, set in the 1840s, about a young sailor

in the 1840s, about a young salor who joins a whaling ship and encounters Captain Ahab, a man obsessed with trying to kill the whale that took his leg. Directed by John Huston. (Ceefax)

7.50 The Eurythmics (r)

8.10 Wideword. Prayers to the Raven. The first of two award-winning anthropological films about America's most northerly group of Indians, the Koyukon of Alaska

9.00 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r). (Ceefax)

9.30 40 Minutes (see Choice). (Ceefax)

10.10 Screenplay Firsts: The Audition, starring Jane Wright and Edith Armstrong, is about a film director who auditions her mother for a part in a television series and finds that

who auditions her mother for a part is a television series and finds that keeping a professional relationship between them is easier said than done. Directed by David Haztett 10.30 Newanight with Donald MacCormick 11.15 Weether 11.20 Darts. Embassy world professional championship 12.20 Behind the Headlines (r)

BBC1 WALES: 6.30-7.00pm Wales Today
11.48 Barry Norman's Film 90 12.18 ms
News of Wales SCOTLAND: 10.80-11.00 am
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Competition 3.00 A Gri Named Earlor 8.20-7.00
Reporting Scotland 8.30-8.00 Focal Point 11.45
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You Didn't Know 12.35 am Walenberg 2.20
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5.00 The Chennel Four Daily 9.25 The Art of Landscape 12.00 The Pertiament Programme with Sue Cameron 12.30 Business Daily with Susannah Simons 1.00 Sesame Street

2.00 Film: Good News (1947, b/w), with June Allyson, Peter Lawford and Patricia Marshall. A footbell star hires a fellow student to teach him French in order to impress a girl. Directed by Charles Walters 3.45 Movie Museum. Film footage from

3.45 Movie Museum. Film footage from Capture of a Roof Burglar, made in 1898, and the classic New York Hat, filmed 14 years later
4.00 Not on Sunday with Brian Redhead 4.30 Countdown with Richard Whitaley 5.00 Treasure Hunt in Jersey (r), (Cracle)
6.00 Club X-tra. Magnificent Obsessions with Dr Alfred Stern. The stories of a woman whose file is

stories of a woman whose life is guided by the late Jayne Mansfield, a gunee by the last Jayne mainshed, a young man besotted with Swedish group Abbe, and Screaming Lord Sutch, the persistent Parliamentary candidate 6.30 Kate and Allie. The Very Loud

Family (r)
7.00 Channel Four News. (Oracle)

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7.30 Comment followed by weather
8.00 Painters to the People. The
Followers of the Pre-Raphaelites,
How English painting was
changed by the Pre-Raphaelites
Brotherhood, and the effect of
this on William Morris, Edward
Burne-Jones and Rossetti
8.30 Brass. Comedy (r)
9.00 Traffik. The Addict (r)
10.00 True Stories Radion City. A
study of the Ottawa women who,
from 1922, were employed to
draw luminous numbers on clock
faces with paint that contained
radium. Many of them died young
from radium-related diseases,
white others gave birth to stillborn
babies or to children suffering
from physical or mental deformities
11.05 Sumo. Day eight of the Grand
Autumn Tournament, introduced by
Lyall Watson from Tokyo's
Kokugikan stadium. At the start of
play, Chryonofuji is in the lead
with a perfect score of 7-0. However,
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11.35 Film: The Last Battle (1983, b/w).

Award-winning Franch film with no dialogue, starring Pierre Jolivet and Jean Bouise, set in a post-nuclear war age. Directed by Luc Basses.

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The RTVE Symptomy orchestra playa
Turina's "Seville Symptomy" in
this film which captures the grace of

VARIATIONS Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 Through the Keyhole 19.35-11.05 Merried with Children 12.25ees Waterburg 2.20 Cinemetractions 2.50 Top 10 3.29 Sportsworld 4.20 Big Band TV Disco Show 4.55-5.00 Jobfinder.

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the Pops 7.30 Nature of Things 8.09 Matrick 8.00
News 8.30 Today Tonight 10.19 Bib 11.10 Tales from
the Dark 8id 11.38 News, Closedown.

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Dancing 8.00 Doogle Howser MD 8.30 Markstplace
9.00 Kate and Alie 9.30 Street Legal 10.30 News
10.50 Repthawks 11.30 Ever Decreasing Circles
12.05em Closedown.

#### SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am Sky News 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Sultivans 10.30 Sky By Day 11.30 A Problem Shared 12.00 Another World 12.55pm General Hospital 1.50 As The World Turns 2.45 Loving 3.15 The Young Doctors 3.45 Captain Caveman 4.00 The Adventures of Gulliver 4.30 The New Leave It To Banvor Show 3.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Beyond 2000 8.00 Moonlighting 5.00 Wissguy 10.00 Jameson 11.00 Sky News 11.30 Sara

#### **SKY NEWS**

News on the hour.

5.00am World Business Report 5.30
European Business Channel 6.00 World
Business Report 9.30 Frank Bough
10.30 BMTV Good Health 11.30 World
Business Report 1.30pm NBC Today
2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 PM's Question
Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 NBC
Today 8.00 Live at Five 8.30 Beyond 2000
7.30 The Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough
9.30 Target 10.30 The Reporters 11.30
NBC Nightly News 12.30am Frank
Bough 1.30 Target 2.30 The Reporters
3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES From 8.00cm The Satellite Shop 2.00pm My Ded Can't Be
Crazy . . . Can He? (1989): A young boy's
father is suffering from mental illness
2.00 Dusty: Episode eight of the Australian drama
Australian drama
4.00 My Little Pony (1986): The magical kingdom is under threat
6.00 Day One — Part Two: Chronicles the race to develop the atom bomb
7.40 Entertelment Todays
8.00 Dirty Dencing (1987): Starring
Patrick Swayza and Jennifer Gray
9.40 Projector: Forthcoming movies on Sky

Sky 10.00 Predetor (1957): A bend of mercenaries wage battle against a chemeloon-like stion
11.45 The Mini-Skirt Mab (1958):
Female biker movie, starring Dane McBain
1.30cm Remot Unarmed and Dangerous (1985): Fred Ward as a government agent, taught special powers by an eastern mystic 4.00 Johany Dangerous (1984): Michael Keaton in a spoof of 1930s gangster movies. Ends at 5.25cm

**EUROSPORT** 

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5.00 Remote Control 5.30 Cub MTV 6.00
Ray Cokes 8.00 The Big Picture 6.30
Headbangers Ball 10.00 Maiken Wexo
1.00 mm Night Videos.

SCREENSPORT

Skating 12.45pm Boxting 2.15 US College Football 4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Rugby League 7.30 NFL American Football 9.30 Review of '89 11.30 Basketball

3.15 Cinema 4.45 American Ga

programmes is available in the weekly megazine, TV Guide.

# RADIO 1

PM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30mm until 8.30pm, then at S. John entil 8.30pm, ear. 10.00pm
10. REGULERIES

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW
News on the hour
Headines 5.30am, 6.30,
7.30, 8.39
4.00am Alex Lester 5.30

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Potent Midnight 1.00am Nightnide
3.08 4.00 A Little Night Music
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WORLD SERVICE

LOSAN Morgamagazin 5.35 News in Sarman Headines in English and French
Sports News 5.55 Financial News
S Weather and Travel News 5.00 World News 7.30 Mordanest 6.30 Londres Meth 7.00 World News 7.30 Lindsewatch 6.30 Morda News 5.30 Financial News 5.30

#### RADIO 3

C.35am Weather and News Headlines 7.09 Morning Concert: Watton (Coronation March, Orb and Scentre: Exact Philippens (Coronation Merch, O'ro and Sceptre: Royal Philharmonis Orchestra under André Previn); Milhaud (Sonatina, Op 337: Heinz Hoffger, oboe, Oleg Maisenberg, piano); Chabrier (Overture, Gwendoline: French National Orchestra under Armin kerten)

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Vaughan Williams (Fentasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis: St Louis SO under Leonard Statidir; Solo Quarteth Generales Leonard Siatidn; Sol Quartet); Granados (Moresque: Jean Horreaux and Jean-Marie Treherd, quitars); attrib Handel (Concerto for flute, violin, cello and harpsichord: Parnassus Ersemble); Mozart (Symphony No 28 in C, K 200: Pragua Chamber Orchestra under Charles 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week

J.S. Bach. Allabreve in D, BWV 589 (Ton Koopman, organ); Concerto in F, after Vivaldi, BWV 978 (Robert Vivaldi, BWV 976 (rouer: Woolley, harpsichord);
Sonsta in C, BWV 1005
(Sigiswald Kuijken, violin);
Non sa che sia dolore, BWV 209 (Bach Ensemble under Joshua Rifikin, with Julianne Baird, soprano)
9.35 Langham Chamber
Orchestra under Steuart
Bedford, with Susan Drake, harn, cerform Honegger

herp, perform Honegger (Pastorale d'été); Debussy (Danse sacrée et danse protane); lves (Symphony No 3 "The Camp Meeting") Smetana String Quartet, with Josef Suk, viola, autorize Smetana (Quartet performs Smetana (Quartet No 2 in D minor, 1882);

No 2 in D minor, 1882;
Novák (Quarist No 2 in D,
Op 35) (r)

11.15 Mendelssohn and
Schumann. Angela Hewitt,
plano, performs
Mendelssohn (Variations
sérieuses, Op 54);
Schumenn (Humoreske in B
fiat, Op 20) (r)

11.65 BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra under Guido
Almone-Marsen, with

Orchestre under Gudo
Ajmone-Marsan, with
Sioned Williams, harp,
Susan Millan, flute, performs
Mozart (Overture, The
Magic Flute); Mathlas
(Melos, Op 73); Beethoven
(Symphony No 7 in A)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert:
The first of six programmes. The first of six programmes, ave from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. The Alberni String Quartet

performs Haydn (Quartet in D minor, Op 76 No 2
"Fifths"); Eiger (Quartet in E minor, Op 83)
2.69 It trionfo del temp e del disinganno: Chiaroscuro under Rogers, with Nancy Argenta, soprano, Patrizia Kwelta, soprano, Nicholas Clapton, counter-tenor, Nigel Rogers, tenor, performs Handel's allegorical oratorio, written

allegorical pratorio, written in 1707. With libretto by Cardinal Benedetto Pamphili. Sung in Italian, Incl 3.16 Interval Reading 3.20 Part 2 (r)
4.35 Nina Milidna: The planist performs Mozart (Sonata in C. K 330; Rondo in A minor, C, K 384; recense
K 511)
6.06 Fusion Guitar Trio performs
Jorge Strunz (Preludio;
Anoranza; Para Sandino)
6.30 Mainly for Pleasure with
Roger Nichols
7 and News

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Michael Hall talks with the Indian-born composer Naresh Schall about his current preccupations, and his latest work, Madness Lit by Lightning
7.30 Studio 7 Concert: Live from New Broadcasting House, Manchester. The BSC Phiharmonic under Eiger Howarth, led by Dennis Simons, with Haican Herdenberger, trumpet, performs Bax (Overture to a

Picaresque Comedy); Michael Blake Watkins (Trumpet Concerto); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 8 in D minor) 8.45 Tessa Uys: The pianist performs Bach (English Suite No 2 in A minor, BWV 807); Schubert (Sonata in A,

907; Schubert (Schala at A, D 654) (r)

9.30 King Cutier I: Phyllis King and Ivor Cutier with a selection of songs, poems and distogues, until they are disturbed by a knock on the door (see Cholos)

10.00 Music in Our Time: Paragon Freemble under David Ensemble under David
Davies, with Jane Manning,
aoprano, Linda Ormiston,
mezzo, John Brackenridge,
tanor, Alan Oke, baritone, Jonathan Best, bass, performs Naresh Sohel (Madness Lit by Lightning, music theatre for five voices and ensemble — first broadcast)

Sportsworld 4.39 Big Band TV Disco Show 4.48-8.09
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GRANADA As Leading except 1.30em 1.30

8.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Green Life
Guide 10.38-1.36 The NeW 12.35sam Watterberg
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4.89-8.09 JobInder

HTV WALES As HTV West except 8.00

Below the Fold 16.38-11.08 Rugby.

TSW As London except 1.30pm-1.30 News 3.27-

Waite (r) 2.30 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare with the magazine devoted to matters of the mind

16.40 News; The Natural History
Proramme; Jessica Holm
and Fergus Keeling report
on music for locust plagues
and bald eagles, and how to
ape a gorifle
16.45 An Act of Worship: Led by
the Rev Roy, lenking (s)

11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-time broadcasters.
Lesley Reader, in search of immortality, finds herself plant-hunting in Bhutan
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm The Senses: Six plays by Bob Sinfield. 2: Touch. A receptionist at a doctor's surgery discovers she has a gift. With Polly James as Marjorle and Michael Angelis as Dr Cole (s) (r)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One with

James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast

3.00 News; She's OK: Play by Peter Trainor. An ordinary family comes face to face with tragedy. With Rose McBain as Jan (s)

11.00 Composers of the Week: Hactor Berlioz. Rouget de Liste, arr Berlioz (La Marsellaise); Berlioz (Symphonie funêbre et triomphale, Op 15: Cantata, L'Impériale, Op 26) (r) News 12.05am Close

#### RADIO 4

LW (a) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Strefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 8.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 8.35 Yesterday in Partiament 8.55 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John

the Rev Roy Jenkins (s)
11.00 News; Citizens
11.25 My Heroes: Cliff Morgan takes to journalist,
broadcaster and author
Robert Kee about those

11.50 First Person: Series of talks

1.00 The World At One with

Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Includes an interview with
Professor Julia Higgins, a
chemical engineer; Sara
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Bright, MP, discuss
blesphemy; and a feature on
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6.30 Just A Minute: Nicholas
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Freud, Richard Murdoch,
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On. The story of Britain's
Reggae Philharmonic
Orchestra, a group of
classically-trained black
musicians, and their concert
tour of Jamaica last year (s)
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8.00 A Nearby Country: Scotland is different! Part 2: The Kirk. James Naughtia examines the differences which remain between Scotland and England, through three of its institutions
8.45 Does He Take Sogar?
Magazine for disabled isseners. Presented by Katl Whitaker.

9.15 Kaleidoscope: A report on the Renaissance Theatre
Company's production of
King Lear in Los Angeles;
and how the police are

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9.46 The Financial World Tonight

9.66 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book At Bedtime: Lady Chatterley's Lover, by

D.H. Lawrence (9 of 15)

11.00 The Sittaford Mystery, by

Agatha Christle. Dramatized in the parts by Michael

Bakewell. Part 2: An Arrest tor Murder. The murder of Captain Trevelyan is revealed by a seance at Sittaford House. With Geoffrey Whitehead as inspector Narracott and

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### (RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 Ivor Cutler is a humorous writer and performer who can so slacken his pace that a tortoise could give him a mile start and still overtake him. He is fond of the long pause. By comparison, Pinter is a machine-gun. His doleful style is archetypically on offer in King Cutler I (Radio 3, 9.30pm), and it has a contagious effect on the Canadian poet and song-writer Phyllis King who supports him in his



Ivor Cutler: he is fond of the long pause (Radio 3, 9.30pm)

capital out of blind men falling into rivers, she out of cats being filled up and used as hot-water bottles. Some of their material is banal. Other times, they pluck golden nonsensical apples off the boughs. For instance: "Better a jug without cream than no cream without a jug"..."Some of us, Mr Cutler, have found time to grow up." Reply from Mr Cutler: "I've been busy!" • In a strong edition, Soundtrack (Radio 4, 7.20pm), the feature series that has made presenters redundant, plots a coals-to-Newcastle course: London's Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra of secondgeneration West Indians visits Jamaica where a kind of titfor-tat situation awaits them. A Jamaican youth orchestra fiddles away with "Drink to

me only".

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By Jill Sherman Social Services Correspondent

A £300 million package to help 850,000 disabled people, including a new benefit to encourage the disabled to take up work, was announced by the Government yesterday.

The proposals were attacked by the Opposition and by disability organizations, however, as an insult

Mr Tony Newton, Secretary of State for Social Security, told the Commons the pack age would help the long-term disabled with the extra costs of disability, improve benefits for those unable to work and help those who wanted to work to get or keep jobs.

The Labour Party attacked the "derisory sum" and ar-gued that seven out of eight disabled people had been ig-nored. The Disability Alliance said the proposals were "an insult to disabled people."

The announcement, backed by a 70-page command paper. is the formal response to six surveys on disability from the Office of Population Censuses in Surveys. About 250,000 people aged under 40 who do not qualify for invalidity benefit will receive an extra £10 a week on top of the £28.20 severe disablement allowance.

The changes, over two years, include a new credit expected to encourage 35,000

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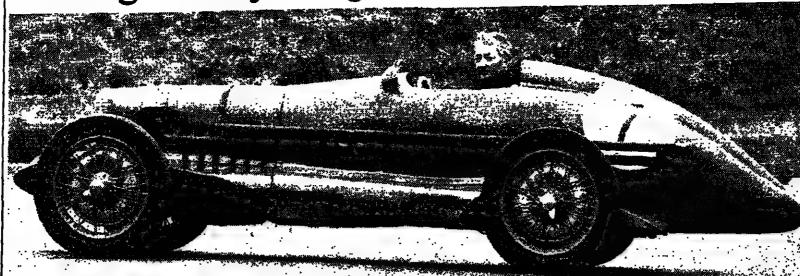
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Mr Hawke in his immaculately restored K3 MG, and below, as it looked half a century ago, when Mr Ron Horton set a Brooklands lap record of 117mph.



The investment of a bottle of whisky has turned into £200,000 for the leve Mr Mike Hawke levished on his immthat was the price he paid 20 years ago in Singapore for one of just 33 examples of the car. He was a shipbuilder in 1970 with the Ministry of Defence when he advertised for an

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Championship 1990 Qualifying Puzzle

Leeds, Queen's Hotel (300), Sunday, March 4; Birmingham, Grand Hotel (300), Sunday, April 29; Bristol, Hilton International Hotel (200), Sunday, May 13; London, Hilton Hotel, Park Lane (300), Saturday, June 2 (A) and Saturday, June 9 (B). No reference books or other aids may be used during the puzzle sessions. Refreshments will be provided free.

If the all-correct entries for any venue exceed the accommodation available, competitors will be required to attempt an eliminator puzzle which will be published (if it is needed) on Thursday, February 15. Competitors are warned that this will be a more than usually difficult puzzle but are reminded that incomplete (or only partly correct) solutions may well qualify, since only the least successful entries will be eliminated.

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To try to avoid an eliminator for the

Bristol venue, competitors willing to attend Birmingham instead if nec-essary are asked to show this on the

MG (Kevin Eason writes). "A bloke toward up with a heavible mating lump of an engine," he said, "and to be polite, I gave him a bottle of whisky and took it." Only on his return did Wiltshire, realize the car's history when he wrote to MG to discover which model he had acquired. The

Birmingham)". No competitor will be moved between venues unless this indication has been given, and an eliminator will be held if necessary.

Competitors at a regional final may qualify for the National Final in the

following way. The regional winner will qualify plus one additional competitor for every 60 competitors over the first 60; thus from 61-120

competitors two will qualify for the final, from 121-180 three will qualify, and so on. The qualifiers from the six regional finals will attend the National Final at the London Hilton, Park Lane, London, on Saturday, September H.

Prizes given by Collins Publishers include the following: each regional champion will win a Collins Trophy and luxury weekend for two in London

for the National Final including travel, de luss hotel accommodation and meals. Prizes will be awarded to the next three places at each regional final.

Additional qualifiers will have their

hotel and rail travel expenses paid to the National Final. The winner of the

Championship receives a Collins Trophy and a £500 Gift Youcher and

the runner-up and third and fourth places receive Harrods Gift Vouchers

for £300, £200 and £100 respectively. Further prizes will be awarded down to

In the event of any dispute the decision of the Crossword Editor of The Times will be final. Employees of Times Newspapers Ltd and of Collins Publishers was past of contents.

first owner was Mr Ron Horton, who broke the tap record of 117.7mph at Brooklands in 1933. Major "Goldie" Gardner painted it racing green to win a perion of British class records before it was taken in 1939 by Mr Michael Jennings to Singapore, where it was dismantled after the Japanese invasion. Mr Hawke has managed to find

experts agree could be worth as much as £200,000. This investment does not, however, languish under cover in a garage. "I race it about once a year at Silverstone with varying success," Mr Hawke said. "Its £200,000 price tag does not stop me using it. It is load and messy, but that's half the beauty."

# the parts to make the K3 a car which

### Crackdown on dissent as martial law ends

Continued from page 1 his first visit to Peking since the

At Peking airport Sir David said he

But Mr Li's comments were tem-

• WASHINGTON: The Bush Administration yesterday hailed Peking's decision to lift martial law as vindication of the President's controversia (Martin Fletcher writes).

Peking's announcement was merely cosmetic, Mr Dan Quayle, the Vice-President, said it was a "positive step forward for human rights. I think you

terday that the White House was on

Reports in both the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post said the administration had decided to oppose the resumption of a \$700 Commons sketch

### A testing time for MPs' party pieces

Fresh from the New Year Honours, the Foreign Office Minister of State, the Right Honourable (now) William Waldegrave was in a mood yesterday to be gracious.

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"The right hon gentleman," he remarked to the shadow Foreign Secretary, Gerald Kaufman, "summarizes the truth cloquently." That's the nicest thing a politician has done to the truth in many a long year, and Mr Kaufman looked pleased with the tribute.

It turned out to be his last. I often think that much heartache could be saved if candidates for political office were subjected to a simple screening process at the outset, to ensure that they were of the right cast of mind for the party rough-and-tumble. This test is submitted as a suitable start to such an exam:

In Foreign Office Questions on January 10 1990, Ministers prefaced their answers to various MPs with the following phrases. You may see that they fall into two broad groups.

Taking each group in turn, can you find any link between its MPs? (Clue: something is missing from the designation following each MP's name): DOUGLAS HURD, to:

1. Michael Jock (Fylde): "My hon friend is quite

2. Harry Cohen (Leyton): The hon member is a good bit out of date".

3. Dave Nellist (Coventry SE): "That was pretty defen-WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE,

4. John Maples (Lewisham

W): "He is entirely right". 5. Gerald Bowden (Dulwich): "The answer is a clear

6. George Robertson (Ham-ilton): "The hon member is a little out of date".

TIM SAINSBURY, to: 7. Steven Norris (Epping Forest): "He has considerable experience and personal

FRANCIS MAUDE, to: 8. Donald Anderson (Swansea E): "The hon gentleman is trying, but to little effect."

tainly do not need to be told the answers. But for successful candidates, a tougher test might identify the high-fliers There are certain colleagues whom even the politest ministers find it hard to compliment. Study the following extract from a Question by

Mr Antony Marlow (C, North ampton N), about the EC-£2bn of British tax payers' money goes into sub-sidising these Europeans who seem to do nothing but insult

Now study the ministerial reply, from Francis Maude:
"The hon member is perfectly capable of holding upour angle in all this, and that is—perhaps—valuable."

1. Why is Mr Maude flustered? Why is he hedging?

2. Why did Hugh Diykes then shifl owen from Marlow.

then shift away from Marlow on their shared bench?

3. Why did the Foreign Secretary cast his eyes heavenwards and grin? Again, readers of this column need no help from me in

answering these questions.

Generally, Francis Maudewas in cool form. He was able to keep a straight face, for instance, when advising the House that "three Metropolitan Police officers" have been sent to El Salvador to help its government sort out recent killings there. At least we will know, now, how this mystery is likely to be resolved. Either the incidents will have been "accidental deaths" or else culprits will be identified and miraculously confess to virtually every other political crime in Latin America since the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadors ...

Our two main combatants. Mr Hurd and Mr Kaufman were as cool as Maude, Modestly, Mr Kaufman did not extend his plans (announced before Christmas) to send refugees to "the Philippines or Indonesia" to the Arab-Israeli conflict — discussed.... length yesterday.

As for Mr Hurd, his mask slipped only once. When Tam Dalyell rose to air yet again the Westland issue, Hurd lay back and shut his eyes. Those little "thinks" bubbles from comics would have risen above him with just one word: "CRIPES!"

Matthew Parris

#### Customs drugs haul up

Continued from page 1

to those from Customs, Police figures are likely to take the cocaine total to about 1,100 lb. ● At Westminster yesterday there was widespread agreement that the drug seizure figures justified the Government's strong stand against

border controls and customs from police seizures are added procedures after 1992 (Nigel Williamson writes).

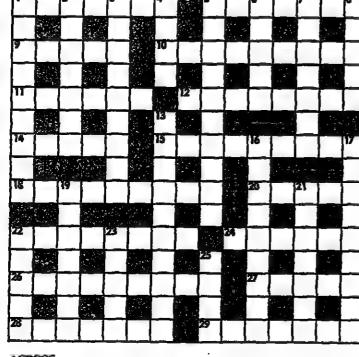
Mr Ivan Lawrence, the chairman of the Conservative backbench legal committee, said: "From the start we have known that some EC covetries have been used, or could be used ... It justifies the any relaxation of Britain's Government's position."

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#### WEATHER THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,188 rain. The rest of Scotland, and Northern Ireland, will have a cloudy start with rain, but it should become dry later. North-west England and Wales will see cloud and drizzle. Remaining



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- needle (9). 18 A person saving money with poor diet's deplorable (9).
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- 22 Drink with a politician if it should so chance (8).

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- salary (7). 8 A little 9 - there's no catch! (5). 13 The graduate is not lacking in education (10).
- 16 Working relationship in a free environment (9).
- 17 This rogue might be made to be trustworthy (9).
- 19 Boss understands his reporters gening harassed (7). 21 One who doesn't feel obliged to
- see where the solid fuel goes (7). 22 He's always ready to take part when resting (5). 23 A very little crate, badly con-
- structed (5). 25 Agitate for partidge (4).

#### WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Pailip Hound SYCOTIC

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b. Indoor running water
c. A leather gauntlet DEAD-CAT BOUNCE L. An end tackle at ice hockey

 b. A motorway pile-up
 c. A misleading rise in share prices QUIDDANY Whither? b. Curiosity c. A quince drink

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would "try to re-establish a dialogue" with China and to express the views of the people of Hong Kong. He is expected to raise the growing desire in Hong Kong for more rapid democratization leading up to the Chinese takeover in 1997.

pered by a reaffirmation of the Peking regime's brutal attitude towards dissent. "No matter what may happen in the world, we will unswervingly advance along the socialist road," he said in the televised address.

"The hostile forces inside and outside the country will not give up their attempt to subvert the socialist system in our country. We must remain vigilant.

News reports on the lifting of martial law inspired a mood of celebration in Hong Kong, But there was little public reaction, or cause for celebration, in Peking. Analysts say that the lifting of martial law is a cosmetic change aimed at improving the Peking Govern-ment's image abroad, while it con-

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overtures to the Chinese leadership Rejecting the widely-held view that

are beginning to see dividends from the President's policy toward China." There were also indications yes-

the verge of reversing that conciliatory policy, possibly because of the lack of any substantial gesture from Peking.

million World Bank loan programme.

LONDON: Mr. Ji Chou-Zou, the Chinese ambassador, speaking on BBC radio, defended the repression of the pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square, but said "social order has been restored to normalcy. The tasks of martial law have been completed."

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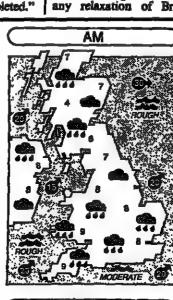
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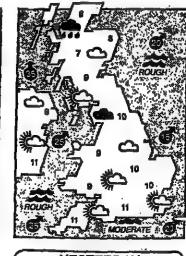
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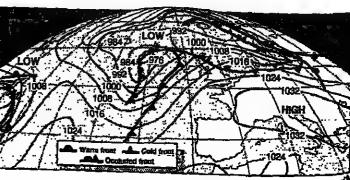
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Market report, page 26

#### Hanson to pay 10.4p

Hanson is promising divi-dends totalling 10.4p for the current year to end-September, an increase of more than

The forecast by Lord Hanson, chairman, at yesterday's annual meeting comes a month before holders of the £1 billion 10 per cent convertible loan stock can elect to switch to equity shares.

Analysts, who had widely expected an increase to no more than around 9.7p, believe the forecast will persuade all convertible holders to switch, significantly enhancing the balance sheet. Lord Hanson said he expected 1990 to be "another good

#### Bespak up

Bespak pre-tax profits for the period ended October 27 were £1.83 million against £1.61 million on a turnover up from £9.48 million to £11.25 million. The interim rises from Tempus, page 22

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# Industrial price pressure on British Gas

#### By David Young Energy Correspondent

A call for British Gas to offer more competitive prices for industrial users has been made by Mr James McKinnon, the director general of Ofgas, the regulatory body which controls domestic gas prices.

Mr McKinnon has been a constant critic of the British Gas industrial pricing structure and was responsible for opening the gas market to new suppliers by allowing access to the British Gas national pipeline system.

He gave a clear signal that Ofgas feels the present return earned by

Although he has no role in fixing industrial prices - he adminsters the formula under which domestic prices are fixed each year at a rate linked to the Retail Price Index his remarks reflect growing concern among large gas users that they are paying higher prices than their European competitors.

Mr McKinnon added that if there has been no significant change in pricing by 1992 when the single European market opens, pressure will rise on on Britain's competitive position in Europe. Mr McKinnon was also in-

which now mean that British Gas can only contract to take a maximum of 90 per cent of the output of any new North Sea gas field.

Previously it insisted on taking 100 per cent, but the change in the law has led to several companies now planning to bring gas from their newest fields through new pipeline projects and sell direct to customers in industry and in the electricity generating business.

There have also been more than 100 applications from companies who want to buy gas direct from North Sea producers and use the existing British Gas network to transport it to their plants and

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Mr McKinnon said yesterday that Britain's ability to compete with its Continental neighbours will be damaged over the next five years if industry continues to have to pay too high a price for its gas

Mr McKinnon was speaking to the Chemical Industries Association - the industry is the largest industrial user of gas as well as the country's largest exporter.

He said: "It is not appropriate merely to sit back and await the arrival of gas from the Bruce and Beryl fields in 1993 and 1994 to

trigger substantial gas competition, as a way of lowering costs of the

"Pressure on British industry's competitive position will increase if, by 1992, there has been no significant downward movement in British Gas prices. Currently these are around 25p per therm to larger industrial users with many small businesses paying a consid-

erably higher price. "Those people who should know about these things tell me the price of gas from the Bruce and Beryl fields is around 14p per therm. Add to that the average carriage cost as computed by Ofgas of 4p per therm and the cost of gas to an average customer will be below 20p for a

firm supply. "The overhead costs and the profit margin required by the competitor have to be added, but on the basis of the above arithmetic I can see many customers benefiting significantly when gas-to-gas

competition begins. That is why there has to be an acceleration in the pace at which that competition is introduced.

If a practical solution is not found to bridge the gap, British businessmen will find it hard to understand and even harder to

# Siemens pays £1bn for 51% Nixdorf stake

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Nixdorf, the once highflying West German computer maker which nosedived into losses in 1988, has sold control to Siemens, the electronics group, for an estimated £1

The last big Siemens deal was the acquisition of Plessey, in alliance with Britain's General Electric Company (GEC).

The acquisition of a 51 per cent stake by Siemens in Nixdorf — one of the top six European computer groups ended a long fight by Nixdorf family interests to stay in-dependent. Nixdorf had tried to improve its flagging fortunes by setting up joint ventures and, eventually, by restructuring and rationalization to reduce job costs.

The deal is subject to clearspokesman for Siemens, Eu-rocketing costs in a tougher rope's biggest information market. technology group, said it in-tended to raise the stake later.

family, with a further 70 per cent in the hands of two charitable trusts whose boards are controlled by the family and the company's management. Nixdorf had a pre-tax loss in

1988 on normal operations of DM60 million (£21.4 million), compared with a record profit of DM331 million the year

There have been suggestions that 1989 operating systems of Siemens, with an

lion. Yet Nixdorf had been founded in 1952 on the technical brilliance of Herr Heinz Nixdorf. The company invented the world's first electronic desk-top calculator with

executive. He had been with the company 20 years and had been picked by Herr Nixdorf as his successor. Herr Luft had been forced to concede that fierce competition was wrecking his profit forecasts.

the helm, he said he wanted to double profits and treble sales by 1991. The downturn in Nixdorf's business seemed to take the Luft team by surprise. When all other major computer makers were cutting ance by competition authorities, including West Ger-Nixdorf added another 6,000 many's Cartel Office. A to its payroll, leaving it with

Nixdorf announced last year that 1,600 of its 31,000would comment on the acqui-sition details. Nixdorf is 25 little, too late. In the first nine per cent-owned by the Nixdorf months of last year, the company ran up losses of nearly DM500 million but they would have been much higher if the company had not sold

> Herr Horst Nasko, Herr Luft's successor, began looking for outside shareholders to save the company although, until now, he had favoured minority stakes.

The data and information

losses could reach DM1 bil- annual divisional turnover of about DM6.5 billion, will be merged with the Nixdorf interests to form Siemens-Nixdorf Information Systems.

Siemens, unlike some big power generating and electrical companies, has per-Nixdorf troubles led to the severed with mainstream resignation last November of computing as well as semi-Herr Klaus Luft as chief conductors. It operates in large and medium-size com-DUTET TANGES.

Comparatively little overlap in products is claimed with Nixdorf, which has concentrated on more flexible installations, especially data systems for banking, building When Herr Luft took over societies and retailer point-ofsale equipment.

Nixdorf has an annual turnover of about DM5.4 billion. This, and the prospects for the joint venture as the single European market opens up and Siemens' muscle gives Nixdorf the extra financial dimension it has lacked, has led to speculation that Siemens may be paying well over £1 billion for the stake.

But some analysts argue such that the price tag could be lower than that

Deutsche Bank, Nixdorf's house bank which brought it to market five years ago, had been looking for a "German" solution to the company's problems. Mannesmann, the engineering company with data processing interests, had been in the running as well as Restructuring of the Nix-

dorf interests to achieve more efficiency and reduce losses

# First Technology motors to £3.05m



First Technology, the car safety and design group being built up by Dr Fred Westlake, above, reports interim profits 59 per cent higher at £3.05 million. Sales rose 70 per cent to £20.6 million, but shares issued to pay for acquisitions and in its £14.7 million September 1988 cash call left earnings only 11 per cent up at 13.2p. The interim rises a fifth to 3p. Tempus, page 22

### ADT bids £105m for Britannia

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

group, which is based in provides it with a powerful Bermuda, has launched a £105 platform for expansion in Bermuda, has launched a £105 million bid for Britannia Sec- Europe. urity Group, the security and data storage group.

The terms are being recommend by the board of Britannia who floated the company on the Unlisted Securities Market in 1984 with a price tag of just £5.3 million, and who last year saw it valued at about £170 million, before the cripoling rise in interest rates. took its toll on profits and the

The deal will lift ADT only to second place in the British

13p to 59p. The dividend was

slashed, a final payment of

ADT, Mr Michael Ashcroft's of its security systems busi- bid, Britannia shareholders cleaning and financial services ness is in North America, but are being offered offered 69 ADT shares for every 100 Britannia. At last night's prices - ADT

The bid comes as little surprise given both the recent downturn in the fortunes of Britannia and world leader ADT's limited representation on this side of the Atlantic. Mr Ashcroft, who over the

past three years has concentrated his acquisition programme in North America, says the security markets in which both companies operate are "fast growing" and that Britannia will "enhance ADT's position in Europe."

Under the terms of the ADT

until long-term closed 6.5p lower at 194.5p they value each Britannia at 134p, or less than 12 times the forecast earnings for 1989-90.

higher at 133p. Britannia's directors and their associates are accepting the offer from ADT on behalf of their total of 2 million shares.

Britannia shares closed 24p

These acceptances, together with the 535,000 shares already owned, gives ADT control of 3.4 per cent of

#### **Eurotunnel** to confirm deal on financing Eurotunnel will today confirm

details of an agreement with its bankers to release more cash to keep the project going plans are finalized.

The 208 banks are expected to make between £250 million and £400 million available. Eurotunnel expects to raise about £1.2 billion, including a £350 million rights, by May. The agreement follows pro-

longed argument between Eurotunnel and Transmanche Link, the Anglo-French construction consortium, over final cost, expected to be about £7.3 billion, against the initial £5 billion.

Comment, page 23

#### Plan for paperless King of the proxy share deals agreed battles' steps down

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

change, banks and listed companies have finally agreed in principle on a plan to introduce a revolutionary paperless settlement system for share deals and to abolish the fortnightly stock market

Mr Peter Rawlins, new chief executive of the ISE, said:
"After a debate over many years, there is a grave danger of agreement breaking out all over to give London proper settlement arrangements that are cost-effective and as riskfree as possible."

The new settlement system will be based on the ISE's Taurus computer system, but will be handled by a new independent clearing house

The International Stock Ex- likely to be jointly-owned by the ISE, the big banks, and the Bank of England.

The plans stem from a report by an international group aiming to improve glo-bal share trading as well as the severe administrative problems encountered in London when the number of share deals expanded after the Stock Exchange "Big Bang" in 1986.

The compromise agreement meets fears of listed companies that the original ISE proposals would leave them without an open share register and therefore direct two-way contact with shareholders. Under the new plan, new shareholders will be deprived

of a legal share certificate.

Mr Donald Carter, the Wall Street "king of the proxy battles," has quit abruptly as chief executive of The Carter Organisation, the business he sold to VPI Group in Britain for \$76 million (£45.7 million) ahead of the 1987 crash.

consequences meant the vir-

and acquisitions market from which Carter drew its strength. It contributed heavily to a disastrous set of figures from VPI Group, the public relations consultancy better known as Valin Pollen, for the year to end-September.

just 0.5p making a total for the year down from 3.5p to 1.6p. Mr Angus Maitland, who took over from Mr Reg Valin, the founder, as chairman in November, admitted that Meltdown Monday and its first-half performance had

tual death of the US mergers Mr Maitland refused to say if Mr Carter had been sacked. But he commented: "I'm not happy about the performance of the Carter Organisation. Mr Carter has been chief executive and responsible for the performance of that company.

been "pretty dismal."

Pre-tax profits crashed from Mr Carter will continue as £14.1 million to £6.5 million, chairman of the US business well below City expectations, in a non-executive capacity. Comment, page 23 sending the shares numbling Tempus, page 22

French advertising group to take 29.9% stake

### Gulliver quits chair at Broad Street

By Martin Waller

Mr James Gulliver, former chairman of the Argyll Group supermarket chain and embattled head of Lowndes Queensway, the furniture business, has quit as chairman of Broad Street Group, the public relations company he joined in

His departure comes as a result of the arrival of BDDP, the French advertising concern, as a 29.9 per cent shareholder in Broad Street, which announced a bid approach in November.

Mr Gulliver will also see his 10 per cent stake in the company whittled down to half that or less as part of a complex tender offer by BDDP. The French have bought 6.5 per cent of the company from Mr Gulliver and two other directors and launched a tender offer at 42.5p a share for enough to bring their holding to 29.9

The three directors and a fourth have

Street to satisfy the offer, if it is shunned by other shareholders. The French cash offer compares with a share price of 35p, up 1p, for Broad Street last night.

Shareholders accepting will be entitled to receive the interim dividend for the current year, payable on February 12.

BDDP made an unsuccessful offer last year for Boase Massimi Pollitt, the British advertising agency, losing to a higher offer from Omnicom Group of the US. It aims to build an international public relations business using the Broad Street name. The French will have two seats on the board, and a new nonexecutive chairman is being sought.

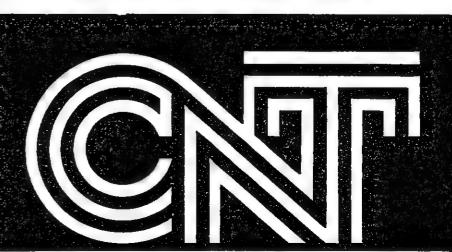
When Mr Gulliver bought into the company in December 1987 he promised. to build it into an important international communications group with the support of financial backing running into "hundreds of million pounds." But the

Broad Street share price.

Mr Michael Preston, director of group development at Broad Street, denied Mr Gulliver had arrived as a rescuer. "We didn't need a rescuer when Jimmy came in. We had already done the work internally. We needed someone to get us through what we knew would be a period of adverse publicity."

He said Mr Gulliver had made "no material contribution" to Broad Street's regults for the financial year starting April 1 1988, which showed something of an upturn in its fortunes, but had managed to lock in senior management and had played a "very valuable role."

Mr Gulliver described his contribution as providing "a layer of good professional management." He said Broad Street before he came had difficulty translating strong fee income into profits on the bottom line.



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# Baptism of fire for VPI's new boy Circa Leisure taken over by Citygrove

serve to confirm two prejudices: the dangers inherent in acquiring US "people" businesses and of changing a wellknown name to a set of

anonymous initials. It is hard not to feel sorry for Mr Angus Maitland, the new chairman and chief executive, whose first set of figures featured a profits collapse from £14.1 million to just £6.5 million in the year to end-September. As he was explaining this to his City critics the share price was dropping another 13p to 59p, compared with 270p before the acquisition of the Carter Organisation in June 1987 and 138p ahead of the first intimations of bad news from the US with the interims in June.

The Carter story from New York reads like something out of Tom Wolfe's The Bonfire of the Vanities. The mergers and acquisitions whiz-kid Don Carter sells his business to VPI for \$76 million on the crest of the Wall Street wave, the market collapses, the New York state authorities launch a tax investigation and vesterday he loses his executive post, although this has no connection with the tax investigation.

But the real sufferers have been VPI's shareholders, as the group became yet another agency to go out on a limb, Carter, after an excellent first year in the fold, probably contributed about £3.8 mil-

well, the publisher, has admit-

ted defeat in the transatlantic

battle for Monotype Corpora-

tion, two weeks after the loss-

making British typesetting

equipment maker accepted a marginally higher offer from

King Black & Associates, the US investment group.

lion to last year's profits, after a £500,000 increase in provisions because of the New

But most of these earnings came in the first half, the company slipping into losses during September and few analysts looking for much more than break-even this year. The core British consultancies performed well, boosting profits by 39 per cent, but there were problems at research and productions SCTVICES.

A worst-case scenario suggests just £3 million pre-tax this year. Any real improve-ment on this, meanwhile, relies heavily on an unswing in the Wall Street mergers and acquisitions market which looks unlikely at this stage. The shares are therefore probably selling on a multiple of 13 times, with a prospective dividend yield of 2.7 per cent. Any rescuer is unlikely to be tempted in at this price. Best

#### Bespak

Increasingly tough safety conditions associated with pharmaceutical products, compled with intense proving of new specialist equipment, cost Bespak at least one point on margins in the six months ended October 27.

The growth in pre-tax profits was only from £1.61 milhion to £1.83 million on sales that rose by 19 per cent to

November, sending the shares

up 40 per cent. Yesterday they

The KBA deal values

Monotype, now to leave the

stock market, at £34.2 million.

topping by 1p a share the 160p unsolicited bid made by Mr

fell 2p to 158p.

Mr Maxwell, who holds unsolicited bid made by Mr 7.38 per cent of Monotype Maxwell, its biggest customer.

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Facing City critics: Augus Maitland of VPI yesterday £11.25 million. So, whereas

£4.5 million had been expected for the full year, sights have been lowered to £4

profits growth should resume next year as the benefits of increased research and devclopment expenditure come through and as the product and geographial base is expanded further. Bespak's more satisfactory

supply agreement with Glaxo

- which is already responsible

for nearly 50 per cent of its business - and further penetration in the US suggest None the less, the pace of rofits growth should resume that Bespak could be looking at pre-tax profits of £5.5 million in 1991.

The US/Britain manufacturing and sales split is now 25-75 and, although the really exciting opportunities lie across the Atlantic, more ground work is needed before any significant change in the geographical mix becomes

From Martin Winn, Sydney

Scepticism about Mr Jeff

Reynolds rescue bid for Mr

Alan Bond's Bond Corpora-

tion mounted yesterday when the Texas businessman miss-

ed his own deadline for providing details of how the deal will be financed.

Mr Reynolds, speaking from Dallas, said he hoped to

announce a new package over-night in the US. "I'm very

disappointed that we haven t

got anything today, but I'm

confident that it is soing to be

He said he had talked on

Tuesday with Mr Mark Barnabe, Mr Bond's executive

assistant, about plans to fly to

Australia next week to meet officials of the Bond group.

But Mr Barnaba yesterday

denied having had discussions

with Mr Reynolds in the last

worked out."

Bespak looks well placed to develop a drug for the treatment of glaucoma and the problems associated could

soon be fully overcome. The interim dividend rises from 2.25p to 2.6p, payable on February 23, and bearing in mind R&D spending, a total

dividend of 6p should be At 342p, the shares trade on 17.4 times prospective earnings and are well up with

events. However, they can still be usefully retained in a portfolio which is structured

#### First Technology

First Technology is one of the more interesting of the smaller stocks to survive the shakeout that rocked the electricals sector in the mid-eightics. It is unusual because it is a

resembles the sort of oneproduct company which tended to come spectacularly unstuck at that time. But it also shares some of the features of the financially-driven mini-conglomerates which do not care what sort of business they are in as long as the numbers stack up. First's key product is an inertia switch used to cut out a car's fuel reply in the event of a crash. reflection of the growing in these were unknown a terest in automotive safety. supply in the event of a crash.

Limit passes for details on Bond deal financing

Scepticism increases as

risen dramatically with the spread of fuel-injection systems which, in turn, have become popular to offset the loss of power when emission

control equipment is fitted. Ford fits all its cars in the US with this device, which

automatically gives First a 25 per cent share of the market. But the company has used this base to buy its way into quite different sorts of activity in the automotive field. Two acquisitions have given it 98 per cent of the world market for crash dummies and it also has interests in car design, computer fire detection and

aircraft fire extinguishers. These are all rapidly-growing areas, but the company is a minnow by comparison with its customers, the big car makers. Dr Fred Westlake, First's chairman, recognizes that further acquisitions will be needed to get up to size quickly.
Profits rose by three-fifths

hybrid. One the one hand, it to £3.05 million in the first half, but earnings were only 11 per cent ahead at 13.2p because of the £14.7 million rights issue at the end of 1988. Analysts expect profits of £7.5 million in the full year and a similar rise in earnings to 32.5p, well below the 25 per cent annual average of the past five years. That would leave the shares, at 500p, on a prospective p/e ratio of 15, a

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# over by Citygrove

Citygrove, the property developer best known for its out-of-town retail developments, is buying Circa Leisure, an operator of leisure and fitness centres, for £2.69 million, the majority in the form of deferred consideration. It is paying £390,000 initially for 75 per cent of the group and another £2 million dependent on profits, after tax, of £1.57 million by

Citygrove has a four-year option on a further 20 per cent of Circa for £300,000 cash, the balance of the company staying with the management. Circa has its roots in one of the first gement buyouts of a local authority's leisure facility, in Kent, in 1988. It has expanded since to manage other local council leisure departments and expects to pick up further work following the recent requirement for compulsory competitive tendering.

#### No referral for Thames

The proposed purchase by Thursas Television of Reeves ications Corporation, the New York-based television production compeacy, is not to be referred to the Monopolites and Mergers Commission. In December, Thuses Television said that it planned to buy Reeves Communications Corporation for nearly \$90 million (£54.1 million).

#### Profit reverse at AG Barr

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AG Barr, the Glasgow soft drinks group, saw its pre-tax profits slip by £383,000 to £2.94 million in the year to October 28 after reorganization at two of its Midlens factories disrupted produc tion. Sales improved by lion. A final dividend of 9.75p makes an anchanged total of 13p on earnings per

#### Cowan falls £112,000

Cowan de Groot, the kitchen hardware and toy distributor. has suffered a £112,000 drop in pre-tax profits to £1.04 million for its half-year to October. Mr Jonathan Samuelson, chairman, blamed slumping consumer spending for the profits setback. Group turnover, in a period when the D Dekker outdoor sportswear business was disposed of, fell by 9 per cent to £17.9 million.

The company is to extend its hardware interests in a £1.06 iillion acquisition of Harper Lee, an independent London wholesaler which made profits of £125,000 in its last trading year to February. There is an unchanged interim dividend of 1.25p on 4 per cent lower earnings per share of 2.4p.

#### Sidney Banks Alexanders up to £1.2m

Sidney Banka, the Bedford-sire grain and agricultural merchant, lifted pre-tax profits by 12.8 per cent to £1.23 million in the half-year to-end October, on tarnover up 20.3 per cent at £74.1 million. Earnings per share rose from 10.6p to 11.6p, and the interim dividend is improved from 2.125p to 2.5p. The shares strengthened by 8p to 163p.

### edges ahead

Alexanders Holdings, Scot-land's largest Ford dealer, increased pre-tax profits by 4 per cent to £1.81 million in the year to end-September. The dividend remains at 1p. Sales fell by 5 per cent to £80.3 million, due to prob-less obtaining cars to supply the courset rental division. increase profits by opening a

#### GEI negotiates £5.8m purchases abroad

GEI International, the packaging machinery and engineering products group, has acquired the Belgian company, Ateliers Ed Courtey BVBA and the Swiss group, Oskar Krieger Maschinen and Metaliban for a total of 25.8 million. Both has a state of the substance of th design and make processing machines for the pharmaceutical industry, while Courtoy also has a strong customer base in the

chemical and food processing industry.

Courtoy, acquired for BF265 million (£4.6 million), made pre-tax profits of BF38 million is 1988, on sales of BF247 million. Krieger, acquired for SFR2.9 million (£1.2 million), made pre-tax profits of about SFR262,000 in 1988 on impover of SFR3.1 million.

#### Maxwell's Fifth Wave Alexander loses bid for Monotype to sell

loss-maker Fifth Wave Technology, through Headington Invest-owned by Mr Robert Max-ments, bought his stake By Philip Pangalos ments, bought his stake immediately after the agreed Walter Alexander, the Scottish KBA deal was announced in

industrial holdings group with interests which range from coachbuilding to home prod-ucts, is selling its loss-making Slumberdown quilts subsidiary to Rabetz for £1.75 million.

Last October, the company, which had received a number of bid approaches, said that it was looking for buyers for part or all of the businesses. At the time the shares soured from 115p to 146p.

The company said the sale will benefit it by the removal of a loss-making operation as well as provide the opportunity to reduce borrowings.

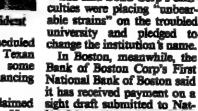
It would also make Walter Alexander more attractive to the parties with whom discussions are at an advanced

A further announcement in respect of these discussions is expected very shortly. Alexander's shares lost 12p to 121p



meetings would be scheduled until the mysterious Texan had "come up with some evidence" of his financing capability.

Mr Reynolds has claimed that Shearson Lehman Hutton, the US investment bank, is advising him on proposals to inject Aus\$250 million



### university and pledged to-change the institution's name. In Boston, meanwhile, the Bank of Boston Corp's First

National Bank of Boston said it has received payment on a sight draft submitted to National Australian Bank Ltd that would permit payment on Bond Brewing Holdings Ltd's zero coupon notes due Janufive or six days and said no (£120 million) of equity into ary 22, 1991.

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#### Alexanders edges ahead

Alexanders Holdings, Sea. land's largest Ford dete increased pre-tax profes is 4 per cent to \$1.81 million the year to end-September. The dividend remains at in Sales fell by 5 per cem m 280.5 million, due to preleres obtaining cars to supply the contract rental division The company consend a increase profits by opening a new dealership.

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# North West and Wessex Markheath Securities 'to meet profit forecasts'

North West Water and Wes- draws its main supplies from privatization, were £81.3 mil- Eanx, which owns 29.9 per sex Water shrugged off the Lake District reservoirs - said effects of drought, despite the absence of restrictions last fears of potential shortages in the South and East of England. Wessex draws 80 per cent of distribution systems."

its supplies from underground sources, which have been most affected by prolonged low rainfall. But Mr Colin Skellett, managing director, said, as in 1989, there would be no need for water restrictions this year in the area. He said Wessex was reinforcing its network by re-

miles of new mains in case of another dry winter. Mr Dennis Grove, chair-

arranging investment plans to

man of North West - which and cash injections linked to

Arbuthnot

poised for

sale in US

Arbuthnot Latham, the Brit-

ish merchant banking subsid-

iary of NZI, is set to be sold to

a US bank for £50 million to

NZI, the New Zealand in-

surance group owned by Gen-

eral Accident. says it is still

talking to a number of buyers,

and has signed confidentiality

agreements with them. But

negotiations have now fo

cussed on one American in-

Wassall offer

Wassall has declared its £51

million cash and share bid for

Metal Closures final and has

extended it to January 24.

200p per share, against its cash

alternative of 160p. Wassall

bought in the market at 200p

but added less than 2 per cent

to the 30.6 per cent for which

Grendon delay

The stockholders meeting at

Grendon Trust, an offshoot of

Charterhouse the merchant

bank, has been adjourned to

February 7 to allow more time for talks with dissident stock-

holders who oppose the pro-posed scheme to buy back an

11 per cent stock issue at 18p

in the pound.

LSE study

it already had acceptances.

Wassall's terms are now worth

extended

£60 million.

year "says a lot for the increasing robustness of our

Both companies, in line forma earnings were £27.6 with other privatized water million, or 26.9p per share. groups, said they were confident of meeting prospectus pre-tax profit forecasts - £70 million for North West and £25 million for Wessex — on the basis of their results for the six months to end-September.

North West reported interim pre-tax profits of £15.1 bring forward more than 50 million, before £4.3 million of million, before £4.3 million of authority waste disposal con-extraordinary privatization tracts. "Margins seem to be costs. Pro forma earnings, adjusted for debt write-offs

cent of the capital of Bristol Waterworks, the private water Wessex recorded pre-tax profits of £8.8 million before company that supplies about extraordinary privatization 40 per cent of the water in the Wessex sewerage area. Wessex, Bristol, CGE and Lyonnaise, which owns 13 per cent Wessex said it expected to of Bristol, are all thought to have considered the possib-

ility of closer links. pagnie Lyonnaise des Eaux, Mr Grove said North West had no plans for joint ventures a 6 per cent stake. It has welcomed Lyonnaise as a big with outside engineering conshareholder. But Mr Skellett sultancies because it had alsuggested Wessex might not ready built up the largest be keen to bid for local engineering resources of any former authority.

North West shares fell 4p to 153p and Wessex 4.5p to Wessex is a rumoured target 164.5p as water shares reof Compagnie Générale des treated on the stock market.

## Bid approach for Horne

very tight" he said.

lion, or 22.8p per share.

costs of £3.3 million. Pro

have talks soon with Com-

the French group that bought



A Centre for Economic Performance is to be set up at the London School of Economics. Based on the Centre for Labour Economics it will explore why some firms op-

By Sam Parkhouse

Shares in Robert Horne abou up 100p to 350p when the group disclosed a takeover approach for the Horne family controlling interest which may lead to a full bid for the whole The strong market suspected a Dutch takeover bid was in the offing and slapped a

further £22 million on to the value of the paper merchant, chaired by Sir Kenneth Berrill, valuing the company at more than 192 million. On the Amsterdam bourse vesterday it was widely felt by

traders that the bld move had been made by Buehrmann Tetterode. The move coincided with the announcement of Robert Horne's results for the year to

September, with pre-tax profits slipping to £15.01 million. 3i, the Venture capital group, is the only other major lder in Robert Horne, with an 8 per cent stake, and a spokesman said it was likely to follow its normal policy of waiting for a lead from the company management before making a move in a possible

bid situntion. Sir Kenneth Berrill, commenting on the company's performance, said the core paper merchanting business had shown satisfactory progress with a 10.2 per cent rise in profits.

The overall profits standstill was largely due to the costly diversification into office products.

Group turnover increased from £187.5 million to £215 million, helped by a 6 per cent rise in paper prices.

The final dividend is 6p.,

making 8.5p (8.25p), on earnings per share of 29.3p

### **Securities** set to raise £45m

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By Jeremy Andrews

Markheath Securities, the property trader with a portfolio of developments in north and west London, is to raise £45 million via a placing and open offer which will double its issued capital.

The cash raising is being supported by Adsteam UK the British vehicle of Mr John Spaivins, the Australian entrepreneur, which holds almost 50 per cent of the equity, and the balance has been conditionally placed with Howard Smith, a listed Australian industrial company linked to Adsteam.

The announcement immediately prompted speculation that Markheath is about to launch a bid for one of the two quoted companies in which it has disclosable

Shares in Frogmore Estates rose 7p to 459p at one stage, before sinking back to 455p, and Camford Engineering finished 10p higher at 253p.

However, Mr Paul Bobroff, Markheath's managing director, said that it would not be right for him to fuel speculation one way or another about his intentions. Existing holders will be

offered the balance on a one for one basis at 75p, compared with a market price of 82p. Markheath's directors, who hold a combined 14 per cent stake, intend to take up their entitlements "as far as individual financial circumstances permit."

The news accompanied Markheath's results for the half-year to September which showed pre-tax profits 14 per cent up at £4.31 million on turnover 12 per cent lower at £14 million. Earnings per share rose 18 per cent to 4.76p and an interim dividend of 2p is proposed.

The proceeds will substantially cut Markheath's balance sheet gearing. At present its debts of £70 million stand in excess of net assets at £55

But by the year-end in March, Mr Bobroff expects net debt to be only one-fifth of shareholders' funds. Markheath's main project is

the £50 million Fountains Office Park at Brentford in Middlesex, being developed jointly with Adsteam. Analysts see the move as the first of a series of expected

rights issues by the developer/trader class of property companies, which need funds to finance the developments which they are finding increasingly difficult

# COMMENT

## Sid sceptical over switch to paperless trading

standably become cynical about exciting new developments on the Stock Exchange, especially technical ones. Big Bang, computerized dealing and one-stop financial institutions all seemed designed to do away with the Exchange's forbiddingly exclusive image and service the recovery and explosion in private share ownership brought by the Government's privatization programme. Yet, in practice, most of the changes seem to have worked the other way, converting the small man into an expensive burden who must pay for the administrative nuisance of owning and trading in

uneconomically small parcels of shares. There are important exceptions, such as the emergence of executiononly brokerage services. But the brave new world of dealing cheaply and simply on the basis of known prices. from a bank branch if not from the home, has not materialized in anything like the way it was hyped. Apart from privatizations, most small investors may feel they have been pushed more in the direction of collective investment. Even the Government's initiative of personal equity plans, aimed at bringing small investors closer to individual companies, has worked the opposite way because of administrative

The Exchange's original plans for paperiess share transactions, which would have abolished meaningful share registers as well as share certificates, were geared to global institutional securities trading. The compromise plans agreed after complaints by companies are a big improvement. Investors will still not have a legal document marking their shareholding. But they can at least have a piece of paper and a choice between holding a share account through a

rivate investors have under- broker or bank (at as yet unknown cost) or through an account run by the company at its own expense.

Companies will have rapid access to the commercially held share accounts - again the cost is not yet known. But public access to a share register is likely to be much more restricted or costly, so it may be much harder for shareholders to promote democracy by contacting each other.

The Stock Exchange dealing account is an anachronism in terms of international institutional trading, though it has been a boon to small private speculators who can buy and sell cheaply within the period and may have oiled the market for shares in smaller companies. Eventual movement to a three day settlement - too short a time to post and clear a cheque - will again push small investors into maintaining accounts with banks or brokers prepared to cater for them.

In theory, there should be big compensating benefits to having an accessible computerized share account on the lines of a bank account. Share dealing could become a more routine affair. It should also be cheaper if the disporportionate expense of shuffling paper for small deals is removed.

Most small investors, sadly, will believe it only when they see it. A new opinion survey by Burson-Marsteller and the international federation of stock exchanges finds that most companies and fund managers (and even a large minority of Exchange officials) think the stock exchanges do not actively encourage the small investor. That is hardly surprising. Companies and the Government want more loyal small shareholders: the securities industry is interested in trading volume. which is unlikely to be supplied by the patronised Aunt Agatha or the dismissively despised Sid.

### **Battle-scarred Eurotunnel**

ong-suffering Eurotunnel share-holders will be hoping that today's accord with bankers marks a final outbreak of peace between the warring factions involved with the cross-channel link. In the short run at least, this may prove to be an over-optimistic hope.

It is now clear that the divisions between Eurotunnel and its contractor. Transmanche Link, have been altogether too profound to be bridged by mere negotiation. The clean and swift resolution that the City has been led to expect has not materialized, TML has won concessions from Europunnel and has sufficient confidence in the merit of its other claims to submit them to arbitration.

Eurotunnel, on the other hand, has been confident that these disputed sums would be settled by now in time for what should have been a straightforward, if time-consuming, process of reaching detailed agreement with the bankers on the next round of financing. The problem for Eurotunnel share-

holders is that arbitration can go either way. If the finding is adverse, it will affect the value of their equity interest. Ahead of today's details, there is also some suspicion that part of the sums disputed by TML and Eurotunnel may, in fact, have been conceded by making bonus payments for meeting construction targets rather easier to win.

The flip side of these remaining concerns is that the doom-laden forecasts, that the project was so adrift financially that the banks were about to take over, have been exposed as absurd. Eurotunnel has won a victory today, but not without battle scars.

### BAe continues hard line over strikers

insist it will not negotiate with striking employees until they return to work, as thousands of workers on the Continent involved on the European Airbus project face being laid off because of the dispute over

a shorter working week. The response came as Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary

Airbus models are made, is continuing after BAe's refusal to negotiate a two-hour reduction in the working week to 37 hours, in return for changes in working practices, until the men return to work.

warning that unless the strike of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, predicted the dispute could spread throughout louse, France, would halt next

The strike, at the company's He said: "If we were a pub-

By Tim Jones and Harvey Elliott British Aerospace continues to Chester plant, where wings for lie limited company, I suspect the world were last night insist it will not negotiate with Airbus models are made, is we would ask ourselves if we drawing up detailed continshould keep all wing production at one plant. If you have a turbulent plant in a multinational group, you usually consider shutting it down."

M Jean Pierson, Airbus managing director, has given

The strike, which is also affecting the company's plants at Preston and Kingstonupon-Thames could not have come at a worse time for Airbus and damages its hopes of becoming a major and serious competitor to Boeing.

Dozens of airlines around

drawing up detailed contingency plans to reduce the number of flights planned for later this year or to hold on to older, noisier sircraft they had hoped to sell as they took delivery of the new Airbus

All 87 airlines with Airbuses on order have been warned that they could face long delays in the planned delivery of new aircraft because of the

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#### Geoff steals the show

Graeme Seabrook, chief execcome the first food retailer to win County NatWest Wood-Mac's Retailer of the Year award. But it was runner-up Geoff Mukahy, chief exec-utive of Kingfisher, who was in the limelight at the awards London Club last night. For, according to County's retail analyst John Richards, when the votes from fund managers, analysts and fellow retailers first started to roll in, 'Mulcahy was not anywhere, But because of the high profile he has had throughout the Dixons bid, it ended up being a very close finish. It was perhaps a bit over-the-top though to make a bid for

Dixons just to win our award," Richards jested. In the end Seabrook got 14 per cent of the vote and Mulcahy 12.9 per cent. And Stanley Kalms of Dixons did not come anywhere. "He did come seventh or eighth once, back in 1985," said Richards. Seabrook was presented with a framed chart of Kwik Save's share price performance and a special award was given to Mulcahy, in recognition of the many occasions in which he has come second or third. "Kingfisher has been a quiet success story and all credit to Geoff Mulcahy for it," Richards said. His award? A Dixons' own-brand - Saisho personal stereo. "It was beyond our powers to buy him the company but we could manage a product," Richards

Carol Leonard

A personal message to: Mr J. R. Johnson, Chairman, Johnson's Wax; Dr R. N. Gunn, Chairman, The Boots Company; and Mr John O'Keefe, Chairman, Procter & Gamble ...

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Uphill work for Hammering another nail into Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers' coffin, Hill Samuel, the blue-

chip British merchant bank now owned by the TSB, has deleted CSV from the 1990 list of broking houses that its fund managers are permitted to use - because of CSV's uncertain future. Hill Samuel, which has about £16 billion of funds under its management, ranks among the top 10 fund management groups in Britain. It is understood to have delivered its damaging blow on Tuesday, adding, by way of a comforter to the firm's senior managers, that it was "nothing

personal." Such lists are kept by most of the big fund management groups, are up-dated annually, and their employees are not allowed to deviate from them. "It is definitely a disaster for Citicorp Stringeour Vickers," said one seasoned market source when be heard the news. "It's a bit like going from Triple A to Double A in terms of credit rating." Meanwhile sources within CSV reveal that its share of the UK equity market has "collapsed." Reputed to be approaching 6 per cent in early 1989 - James Capel leads the field with about 6 per cent - the firm was struggling 10 hold on to 2 per cent last autumn. That figure has now halved to about I per cent.





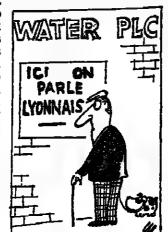
### ast come, last served

journalists present were forced to grab the last seats available. For all 27 of the others were already occupied by a motley collection of analysts, who

are too many UK equity note analysts in the City? At the results briefing for First Technology — "Who?," you might well ask — the three financial journalists represent wave factors. time. But perhaps they have discovered a way for stockbrokers to make money, of which we ordinary mortals are

Downe not out

News of the boardroom reshuffle at Broad Street, the City PR firm run by Brian ham, which coincided with the announcement of BDDP's 29.9 per cent stake in the group, came as just as much of a surprise to Justin Downes, founder of the group's biggest financial PR



his employees into wealthy

rest of the world. For as part of the reshuffle, Tony Knox, who was brought into the then independent Financial Dynamics by Downes three years ago - after the tragic death in a car accident of his original partner Charles Piggott - has been given a seat on the main Broad Street board. "I have got nothing against Tony but I was under the impression that he and I were going to have an alternating seat on the board," Downes admits. "So was he. I suppose this is tantamount to telling me that I no longer have a role within the group. Perhaps they do not like my

forthright style." Having sold Financial Dynamics to Broad Street for up to £7 million, 18 months ago, Downes who, in the process, turned several of

earn-out agreement reaches its

conclusion in July 1991.

subsidiary - Financial Dynamics - as it did to the

individuals, stands to pocket about £2 million when his

# Hoylake bid boosts legal 'league table' for takeover advice

By Angela Mackay

Linklaters & Paines emerged advising companies on British bids in 1989, representing 27 companies in deals worth a total £31.49 billion.

Hoylake's £13.4 billion bid for BAT greatly inflated several firms' positions on the table, most noticeably Simmons & Simmons and Berwin & Co which appeared in fourth and fifth positions in an Acquisitions Monthly survey.

Without this bid, they would have been 14th and 15th, knocking McKenna and Co and Nabarro Nathanson off the table completely.

Linklaters and Herbert Smith, in second place, also had the Hoylake bid for BAT included in their rankings.

Subtracting the £13.4 billion from both firms' results however still leaves Linklaters. which has 44 partners in the mergers and acquisitions department, in top position, £500 million ahead of Freshfields which would move into second place well ahead of Herbert Smith.

Linklaters's clients included Minorco in its failed bid for Consolidated Goldfields, Piessey which fell to GEC, and Pearl which was taken by AMP. Freshfields appeared on the other side of all these bids.

Herbert Smith acted for BAT against Hoylake, William Collins against News International and De La Rue LAWYERS M & A LEAGUE TABLE

as the top firm of solicitors. Legal advisers to companies involved in UK public takeov

January 1989 - December 1989 F	anked by value of	takeover	
Legal adviser	No of deals	Value £	
1 Linklaters & Paines	27	31,49	
2 Herbert Smith	21	22,10	
3 Freshfields	22	17,60	
4 Simmons & Simmons	7	14,57	
2 Herbert Smith 3 Freshfields 4 Simmons & Simmons 5 Berwin (S J ) & Co 6 Clifford Chance 7 Slaughter & May	5	14,17	
6 Clifford Chance	37	8.20	
7 Slaughter & May	32	6,91	
8 Norton Rose	17	5,19	
9 Gouldens	7	3,617	
10 Ashurst Morris Crisp	13	3,44	
11 Travers Smith Braithwaite	6	2,236	
12 Lovell White Durrant	13	2,209	
13 Allen & Overy	16	1.816	
14 McKenna & Co	6	1,816 707 588	
15 Nabarro Nathanson	ă	599	

This table is based on completed and failed takeover bids for UK public companies. Source: Acquisitions Monthly

firms in the M&A sector is firmly recognized and they seem to have cornered the market in mega-bids," according to Mr Philip Healey, the Acquisitions Monthly editor.

Indeed, of the 11 bids in 1989 worth more than £1 billion, there was only one instance - that of Ford's £1.4 billion offer for Jaguar where one of the top three firms did not feature. In the rankings based on the

number of deals, Clifford Chance and Slaughter & May came first and second, fol-lowed by Linklaters, Freshfields and Herbert Smith.

Several of the top ranking firms said that unless the client was already on their books, most of the work was referred to them by merchant "The prowess of the top also usually recommend a original firm Berwin.

public relations firm when there is a hostile takeover.

Unlike merchant banks however, legal firms do not WIR a success fee if their client is victorious. Lawyers at Linklaters and Freshfields, for example, are on the "lock-step comes from promotion and seniority.

Success or failure is usually reflected in the bill presented at the completion of a deal and once again depends if the service to the client is on-going or

Some clients switch lawyers who specialize in M&A work if they are involved in a takeover, for example one source said Beecham and Hoylake retained Linklaters for that reason. However banks which coincidentially Hoylake also depended on its

Corp and the unions at its United Airlines subsidiary are expected to renew efforts towards a management-employee buyout after workers opposed the board's decision

The UAL board said on Monday it would study recapitalization in response to pressure to increase shareholder value from Coniston Pariners, an 11.8 per cent New York investment group share-

From James Bone, New York The management of UAL present a proposal at its next board meeting on January 25. Such recapitalization might be used to raise cash for a special payment to shareholders, while leaving UAL with a beavier debt burden.

> UAL soared more than \$7 to \$164 a share in response to

But two of the three main unions at United, the largest domestic US airline, said they opposed recapitalization, Mr Frederick Dubinsky, chair- to expand into Europe and the holder. The company plans to man of the pilots union at Pacific rim.

United, said his members favoured employee-majority ownership of UAL. "We are strongly opposed to any restructuring which results in substantial indebtedness and little or no employee ownership," he added.

Analysis said that a recapitalization could jeopardise plans to expand routes and buy aircraft. It has about 500 on order or under option, and recently announced plans

Earnings per share, adjusted for July's rights issue, rise from 4.12p to 4.51p and the interim dividend is up from 1.25p to 1.4p.

Trading profits from its British distribution division up 47 per cent at £7.93 million.

Wyko Group, the USM-quoted maker and distributor

of bearing and power trans-

pre-tax profits 24.2 per cent to

£1.53 million in the six months

to end-October, on sales up

25.8 per cent at £23.7 million

(writes Philip Paugalos).

Better next time: Philip White, Wyko chairman, yesterday

Wyko jumps 24%

2540,000, on turnover up 16

per cent to £8.99 million, but

manufacturing moved ahead only a modest 5 per cent to

£405,000, on turnover up 19

per cent to £6.81 million.

Large contracts have yet to be

should ensure a strong

On the international side

interim profits jumped 50 per cent to 2589,000, on turnover

performance next time.

ted, and the full impact

last July's acquisitions

Profits up at £1.53m

#### Fall in second-hand car prices threatens dealers By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent the second-hand trade after as A dramatic drop in second- Haverfordwest, continue to

trade at a profit. hand car prices has prompted fears that a series of motor dealers could be forced out of

business this year. Residual values have fallen badly under the pressure of huge over-supply of nearlynew cars flooding on to the forecourts, according to experts who publish the authori- ry Baker 76 years ago. tative CAP Black Book on second-hand car values.

The Baker Group, one of Britain's largest Ford dealers, called in receivers this week, blaming the collapse in anction prices for cars being sold off from its hire division.

The company, with a £50 million turnover and employ-ing 300 people in Wales, is expected to be sold as a going concern. Its main dealerships at Merthyr Tydfil, Aberdare, Ammanford, Llanelli and

Midas Cars, one of the most

fashionable names in the kit

car industry, is for sale after going into liquidation.

The company collapsed despite having a full order book

and gaining a reputation for

producing cult models. In-

terest came from Europe, and

also Japan where enthusiasts

However, the twin problems of high interest rates and the downward spiral of prices for used cars from its hire division were too much to bear for the business, which was opened in Merthyr Tydfil by wheelwright William Hen-

The group's problems underline the crisis in the second-hand car business as the forecourts are flooded with nearly new cars from hire and

Mr Wally Hill, CAP managing director, says the booming market of the last two years, plus manufacturers' need to produce high volumes, has led to a number of "cut-price" deals with hire fleets.

However, the rental fleets

little as 12 weeks with only a few thousand miles on the clock, leading to severely de-

pressed prices. Mr Hill said: "There are yards full of F-registered and even G-registration cars. There is just far too much over-supply as a result of manufacturers needing to move metal over the last two

"The market cannot take it and will need to level out a lot before prices can even out

Some dealers have been making "distress" sales on some late year models to get cars off their forecourt, but the industry will be unable to sustain that situation throughout the year, raising fears that many more dealers may go to

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Agreement on spare parts deal

#### Liquidator called in Brussels ends Ford at Midas copyright action By Our Motoring

closing proceedings against the Ford Motor Company because it is satisfied a deal reached in Britain on the sale of spare parts protected both the car manufacturer and

were lining up to buy the little sports cars dubbed "the Frog-eye Sprite of the 90s." tion in Britain which prevents car manufacturers claiming However, the business was copyright protection for car unable to recover from body panels or registering new £150,000 worth of damage caused by a fire last year at the

company's factory in Corby, Mr Harold Dermott, the managing director who spent 10 years building the company, was forced to call in liquidators and dismiss the expired. dozen staff, mostly craftsmen Ford has given Brussels an building the fibre glass Midas

coupes by hand.
The sale is being handled by Bulley Davey, of Peter-

Before the fire, the future looked bright for Midas with a new model, a 120 mph conreviews at its first showing on the European motor show

Bright young people today face a future that is rife with uncertainty. They need expert guidance to the myriad options available, whether they are starting out on a career, or

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sponsored by THE TIMES and THE SUNDAY TIMES at the Grand Hall, Olympia, will be

From Michael Bioyou, Brazzela The European Commission is rights and the need to open up

to Brussels to ban Ford's The Commission decision yesterday follows 1988 legisla-

Replacement panels can now be manufactured by any company, but Ford wanted to keep copyright on panels reg-istered before the new law until a 15-year term had

undertaking that it will reduce the copyright period to no more than five years. The Commission is now

satisfied that by 1995 or before, the market for replacement panels in Britain will be The decision is an im-portant marker in defining the

attempt to maintain a monopoly on spare parts. The issue was a tricky case for EC competition policy. Brussels has, for the past five years, required car dealers to open up the market by stock-

The case dates from 1985

when independent British

panel manufacturers appealed

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ing and selling spare parts from independent mannfacturers, as long as they were of matching quality. But the Commission rec-

ognized that Ford and other manufacturers had their own interests to protect. During the five-year investigation, Ford co-operated closely with the Commission in looking into The British Copyright De-

signs and Patents Act removed most of the barriers to competition, but by allowing Ford to enforce a ban on earlier designs for up to 15 years, it effectively gave in-dependent panel makers little competing claims of both a opening in the market in the manufacturer to protect its short and medium-term.

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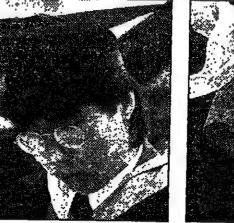




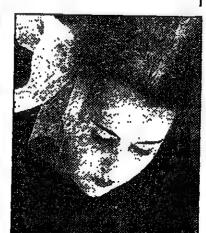




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# **Kleenoff business**

By Philip Pangalos

Jeyes Group, the USM manufacturer of household cleaning and health products, including Parazone and Wet Ones, has acquired the Kleenoff business from Bale & Church for about £1.3 million in cash.

This is the first purchase for Jeves since last month's £7.1 million rights issue, which had a 97 per cent take-up, to raise funds for acquisitions.

Bale operates from Crawley, Sussex and manufactures household products sold through grocery and hardware outlets, mainly in Britain, under a variety of trade names with the Kleenoff range accounting for about 90 per

Bale made a pre-tax loss of £2,800 in the year to end-June 1989 on a turnover of £1.66 million, with consolidated net assets of £32,000.

Mr Jimmy Moir, Jeyes's managing director, said that the Kleenoff range of products represented a natural extension to Jeyes's range. He added that a number of

significant market opportunities presented themselves as a result of this acquisition, both in terms of distribution gains and new product development.

The shares firmed by 5p to 305p on the news.

# Jeyes pays | No crystal-clear answer at Waterford

High labour costs, low output and heavy indebtedness are among

problems facing anyone who is thinking of a rescue package for the troubled Irish group - such as Tony O'Reilly of HJ Heinz.

Melinda Wittstock reports

short or particularly clear-cut subprocess for anyone brave

enough to lend a helping hand. Waterford has never failed to disappoint its shareholders, despite a lifesaving 1986 merger with the Wedgwood china group. Hopes of a quick change of fortune at the group, one of the Republic's largest employers, evaporated long ago as the extent of its problems - high labour costs, low productivity, heavy in-debtedness and serious mismanagement - first became

clear to the company's despondent investors. Sources close to Waterford Wedgwood say it will take at least three years to turn it around, even with the active help of Mr Tony O'Reilly, the chairman of HJ Heinz, the US food group whose Irish holding company, Fitzwilton,

Picking up the shards of has offered Waterford a much-shattered hopes at Waterford needed Ir£70 million (£66.5 Glass, the Irish handmade million) capital injection in crystal producer, will not be a return for a 29.9 per cent

If Mr O'Reilly comes to the rescue, only after what analysts expect to be lengthy due diligence investigations, the former Irish international rugby winger will be faced with an uphill struggle to exploit the internationally-recognized Waterford brand name. Waterford Wedgwood,

which last month warned its shareholders of a "significant" pre-tax loss for 1989, given staggering interest payments on its Ir£135 million debt and an unexpected downturn in demand, now faces yet another protracted battle with its crystal workers. On Monday, they dealt the

company another shattering blow by unanimously rejecting another management cost-cutting initiative just six months after the imposition of



temporary ending of company pension contributions.

The 2,000-strong staff rejected demands for longer working hours, smaller bonuses and 250 redundancies amongst its contract staff just hours after it emerged that Mr O'Reilly, backed by wealthy US and Canadian investors in Fitzwilton, had begun negotia-tions to take a stake at under L40p.

Though the Waterford man-

Tony O'Reilly: keen on both world-famous brand names a two-year wage freeze and the agement told the union the cost-cutting package would enable it to report Ir£10 million pre-tax profits in 1990, analysts yesterday described such hopes as "far-fetched" and "dubious."

Waterford Wedgwood heading for a 1989 post-tax loss of up to Ir£25 million would be lucky to turn in a 1990 post-tax loss of Ir£6 million after interest charges expected to total Ir£18 million. Aithough Waterford has

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million pre-tax profit in 1990. is now "disillusioned enough with Waterford that it wants

world-renowned brand names, believing his market-ing expertise will give both lines a new lease on life.

much as 80 per cent of its crystal to US buyers, clearly would benefit from far more aggressive marketing in the US market, where Mr O'Reil-

high-level management knows anything about glass technol-Analysts believe involveogy," said Mr Watson.
"Training people and inment by an outside investor or a complete takeover of the troducing new working prac-tices will take them years." He company is the only hope for beleaguered investors.

said Waterford could also choose mechanized production, but at considerable cost reduce its debt mountain and and against the will of the re-market its china and crystal But its not just labour and willing, at this point, to

production problems that face Waterford. For a year, there Though Mr Howard Kilroy, have been reports that the Wedgwood family are fed up with the Waterford record and are keen on regaining independence for the Staffordshire Waterford paid a high price

— Ir£250 million — to ensure
its survival with the Novem-

ber, 1986, acquisition of Wedgwood, which was then trying to escape a hostile bid from London International Group, the condoms group which owned Royal Worcester at the time.

union with job losses should

the workers not capitulate,

Goodbody James Capel, the

Irish broker, said there is little

scope for further job cuts. Mr

Dick Watson, of Goodbody, said: "In 1987, Waterford cut

its staff from 3,000 to 2,000

with a Ir£50 million redun-

dancy package, but the com-

pany unexpectedly lost many of its skilled glass blowers and

cutters, which it now needs to

"It is a very labour-inten-

sive business yet none of the

powerful union.

Mr Watson said Wedg-

Mr O'Reilly, however, is known to be keen on both

Waterford, which sells as ly has immense experience.

The company needs much

more in the way of cash to than its shureholders would be

a former Jefferson Smurfit director who became Waterford chairman after Mr Paddy Hayes was forced to resign spected for his financial acumen, it is agreed that the company needs outside exper-tise in both marketing and

crystal production. But observers say it will be some time before Waterford Wedgwood emerges from the thick Irish mist engulfing it even with the enthusiastic involvement and cash backing of Mr O'Reilly.

#### **Apricot** near to deal on software

By Melinda Wittstock

Apricot Computers, Britain's leading independent supplier of computer workstations, is on the look out for a foreign equity partner in America or the Far East to help share in research and development costs and open up new markets in an increasingly competitive climate.

Part of a significant re-organization shifting Apricot's focus away from computer hardware towards software and services, the deal should be completed within two to

Mr Roger Foster, chairman, said Apricot Computers is presently in negotiations with several companies.

Apricot, whose computer software side has grown from revenues of under £10 million to the £80 million level of its hardware division in just a few vears, has also launched a new software and services division, ACT.

The original name of the company when it started up 25 years ago, ACT will include the recent acquisitions of ITL, Logsys and Sigmex as well as Apricot's computer services division.

Apricot Computers emphasized, however, that it has no plans to withdraw from its computer hardware man-

### Poor figures force Fairbriar to study its future as plc

shares and going private after being badly hit by depressed market conditions in the six

reflecting current market An announcement will be made "as soon as possible."

Turnover was down from £20.8 million to £16.2 million, pre-tax profit fell 46 per cent interim dividend has been cut from 1.7p to 1.25p.

the previous year benefited from a rush of residential demand, while in the latest period the company had suffered from higher interest and the effect of higher mortgage rates, said Mr Dipre. The bank interest charge

rose from £571,000 to £1.538 million, topping by £1,000 the interest charge for all of the 12 months to end-March, 1989. Fairbriars is taking a cautions view of the second half, despite significant rental in-



running at an annual rate of more than £3 million with further increases during 1990.

of fixed assets.

The difficult trading conditions are likely to continue to influence the group's performance in 1990, and in these circumstances a buyback offer is being considered. Fairbriar shares, 78 per cent

# **Auditors' reports**

ferences between the auditors' reports on accounts of Eurocan multinational companies which could undermine their usefulness to investors and other account users, a research study commissioned by the Institute of Chartered

Accountants concludes. A survey of more than 200

Republic, Italy and Spain.

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countries under the influence of EC directives as well as

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THE POWERMATE RANGE

# Fairbriar, the housebuilder, is considering buying back its months to end-September. The value of residential sales was half the same period a year ago, the company reported. Mr Remo Dipre, chairman, whose family holds 64.5 per cent, is considering making a offer to buy out minority shareholders "at a price

Dipre: considering buy out come which is starting to flow through from on commercial

By year-end, Fairbriar expects to have rental income

extraordinary charge of £571,000 representing a net loss on the sale and valuation

of which were left with underwriters on flotation in 1985 at an effective issue price of 60p, rose 2p to 92p.

# vary across Europe

There are wide national dif-

European companies, each with a market listing in more than one centre, showed there was a high degree of compli-ance with international standards only in Britain, the Irish

In these countries, the short auditor's report, which typi-cally states whether or not the

tice Committee.

But reports on companies based in West Germany com-plied with less than five on avcrage, in Sweden less that four and in Austria less than two.

The report says harmoniza-tion of this basic element in accounts has improved in many European Community American-influenced international practice.

The study is part of a project to compare national differences between the accounts accounts present a true and of multinational groups.

### BHP likely to sell Woodside holding

By Our City Staff

diversified BHP group, is considering selling its 40.03 per cent equity stake in quoted Woodside Petroleum, fanning the North West shelf project, investment interest in Japan and London.

BHP, which should stand to reap several millions from the sale, says it has achieved what it set out to do when it first invested in Woodside Petroleum in 1976, and that it is now "appropriate to review

The fellow shareholders in Woodside - operator of the North West Shelf gas project Offshore Western Australia include Shell, with an equal 40.03 per cent shareholding. Other participants in the

BHP Petroleum, part of project include BP, Chevron, Australia's largest and widely Mitsubishi and Mitsui.

BHP says any decision about its Woodside stake will not affect its direct interest in and emphasizes that its remains "delighted" with Woodside.

It has significant reserves, and acreage in which Woodside interests have substantial exploration potential. Shell Australia, in reaction

to BHP's announcement, said it had been advised by BHP of its intentions but that the development would have no impact on Shell's "complete commitment to the North West Shelf project, to Woodside or to current and future LNG business into Japan."

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STOCK MARKET

# New York unsettles London investors

The bout of New Year blues The bout of New Year blues which has been upsetting 26p to 135p following the investors on Wall Street is agreed bid of £105 million now also starting to have a from Mr Michael Ashcroft's depressing effect on investors ADT, the security and car on this side of the Atlantic.

the Dow Jones industrial av- for Britannia. The acquisition crage overnight meant a sharp will make ADT one of the mark-down for share prices in biggest security services London first thing, with inves- groups in this country. tors deciding to take profits as gathering pace in after-hours' trading as the Dow Jones average suffered an opening fall of 10 points.

The FT-SE 100 index closed

Government securities managed to shrug off early duliness to end £¼ better at the long end in thin trading. Among leaders, Unilever fell 13p to 691p following claims that it is about to take to the takeover trail. Whispers on the Amsterdam stock mur-ket claimed that it was thinking about making a sizeable acquisition in Holland's food manufacturing industry. But the company denied the claims. Last night, it arranged a presentation for US fund nagers in New York.

auction group. ADT is bidding News of a 28-point slide in the equivalent of 133p a share

Last year, Britannia rethe three-week account begins ported a fall in pre-tax profits to draw to a close. The slide and takeover speculation continued throughout the day, intensified when ADT emerged with a near 10 per

cent holding in the company.
Meanwhile, a rival,
Securiguard, rose 2p to 260p
as the City gave its approval to
the \$16.9 million (£10.2 mil-The FT index of 30 shares Building Services of New shed 20.1 at 1,936.4 on a York, a building cleaning and turnover of 449 million maintenance Securipuard is making an initial down-payment of \$10.4 million with the remainder payable over the next three years. Last year, Madison made pre-tax profits of \$2.47

> The drinks sector ran into profit-taking after Tuesday's strong gains. But Scottish & Newcastle firmed 2p to 359p in anticipation of the longawaited disposal of Elders IXL's 23 per cent holding. It has been ordered by Government to reduce its holding to under 10 per cent by later this year after its bid



has been suggested that Elders continued to encounter spowould attempt to sell the stake radic profit-taking, losing 10p in one lump. Having paid to 609p, after 603p. This about 400p a share for the compares with their all-time

for S&N was blocked by the breaking run, shares in Miss Monopolies Commission. It Anita Roddick's Body Shep

The inquiry by the DTI into Bive Arrow's £25 million loan to Mr Peter de Savary is still continuing, but it looks as though Mr Tony Berry is getting ready to make his return to the City. The word is that he will soon be elected to the board of Business Technology, the office automation group. He already owns a 22 per cent holding and may increase this to 29.9 per cent. The shares firmed 2p to 214p.

holding, Elders is now faced with a sizeable loss. Allied-Lyons rose 4p to 515p amid vague talk of an asset swap with Grand Metropolitan, 9p lighter at 649p. Bass slipped 2p to £10.56 and Whithread A 8p to 417p.

high of 647p. In less than six years, the group's market capitalization has soared from £2.3 million to £500 million. It is expected to make taxable profits of £16 million in the current year, but its prospective p/e ratio of 58 has done little to deter investors.

tive buying lifted Etam by 3p to 190p and A Goldberg 8p to 108p while Storehouse firmed 2p to 125p. This week's talk of a bid for the troubled retailer seems to be fading.

WH Smith A firmed 7p to 359p - just 7p below its peak - on whispers that it is about to sell its Do-It-All DIY business to Ladbroke which already owns Texas Homecare. Ladbroke fell 6p to 340p. Hanson hardened lp to

235p following the annual meeting where Lord Hanson forecast a 20 per cent rise in the total dividend to 10.4p for the year ending next September. The shares have been a firm market since Christmas, attracting renewed support from City institutions.

Robert Horne, the USM paper merchant, leapt 95p to 345p on the news that Mr Kenneth Horne, the chairman, had received an approach for his controlling stake in the company. The speculators are talking of a bid for Home from Buchmann-Tetterode, the Dutch paper-

Bid hopes also lifted Ferranti International, the troubled electronics group, by 2p to 37p on growing hopes that Thomson-CSF, the French electronics group, is about to make its longmillion Ferranti shares changed hands.

STC scored an early lead but closed below its best level with a rise of 1p to 276p. Once again, there have been whispers that the group is on the verge of selling its ICL subsidiary. This time, Siemens, the West German industrial group, was being mentioned as the buyer.

Parkfield Group, which has interests stretching from the manufacturer of car chassis through to the Pathe News film library, fell 9p to 497p despite announcing this week that pre-tax profits had more than doubled to £13.86 million during the first six months. Earnings a share rose by almost 80 per cent to 17.7p.

Eurotunnel units fell 15p to 668p and the warrants 2p to 54p as the group continued to attempt to work out terms of a refinancing package for the

Metal Closures, the paper and packaging group, rose 6p to 195p as Wassall declared that its £45 million offer was final. Closures' price is still 5p below the 200p offered by Wassall. There was little evidence of the expected raid by Wassall on Closures' shares with only 797,000 traded.

Michael Clark

#### WALL STREET

# Fears for company profits push Dow down by 10 points

Dow Jones industrial average by any means." was 10 points lower at 2,756.00 in early trading and

falling shares outnumbered rising ones by five to three. A late drop in shares on Tuesday and expectations of generally disappointing fourth-quarter company profits weighed down prices, es-

pecially blue chips. However, trading continued to be slow. Many investors stayed out of the market amid expectations of disappointing fourth-quarter results and the market's inability to support attempts at rallies so far this

Gold-mining issues gained as bullion prices climbed. Newmont Mining was ahead by 14 to 49%, ASA rose 14 to 58½ and Homestake Mining

was up 1/2 to 20%. Tokyo — The Nikkei index lost 254.95 points, or 0.67 per cent, to 37,696.51 after sliding 343.50 on Tuesday. Indexlinked buying, mostly in the Nikkei, took prices out of their troughs in the afternoon but they still closed broadly down in thin trading. A slight recovery in the bond market and a

lack of new political rumours encouraged buyers. Mr Setsuo Watanuki, a trader at Toyo Securities, said: "From a price standpoint point, it seems that the Nikkei s reaching a good position.

New York (Reuter) - The The correction is not extreme

The index recovered about half of its losses after shedding. almost 500 points in the early afternoon. But the key 38,000 benchmark, which the Nikker passed on December 13, fellfurther from view after the index first slipped below it on Tuesday. Turnover was a scant 500 million shares, as

was Tuesday's.

Frankfurt - The DAX index ended 26.31 points lower at 1,839.63. It had climbed by 22.70 on Tuesday to 1,865.94 - 10.29 below its all-time high of 1.876.23.

Profit-taking drove prices technical correction to recent strong gains, dealers said. But trading was overshadowed by the news that Siemens, the big electronics group, was taking a majority stake in Nixdorf, the ailing computer company.

Singapore — Strong buying in the afternoon lifted the THE PARTY OF THE P

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revamped Straits Times industrial index to a record 1,569.52, up 13.04.

• Hosg Kong — The Hang-Seng index gained 45.84 points, or 1.62 per cent, to 2.868.00 and the Hong Kong index rose 29.78 to 1,882.32. • Sydney - The All-Ord-inaries index finished 0.9 points down at 1,689.7 after. bouncing off a low of 1,679.4, reached shortly after the start.

#### **EL** buys **Paris** nightspots

European Leisure, the fastgrowing disco and theme-pub group, has bought Le Palace, a discothèque in Paris with capacity for 3,000 people, and Sweet World Cafe, a theme restaurant offering seven different national menus, for Fr64 million (£6.89 million)

The vendor is M Eric Vannier, a well-known businessman, and the mayor of Mont St Michel

When another nightclub being developed opens in the spring, European Leisure will have six businesses in the French capital, plus London venues such as the Hippodrome and Cumden Palace.

The money will be found

# Southern Business soars 51% to £10.3m

have continued to advance. This time they jumped by 51 per cent to £10.3 million in

the year to end-September.

The final dividend improved from 3.8p to 4.95p, making 7.83p for the year, up an increase of 30 per cent, while carnings per share rise by 35 per cent to 41p.

The group not only rents out photocopiers but also

provides paper, toner and Turnover, which was boosted by acquisitions, increased by 72 per cent to £33.2 million, while the group's forward-contracted income

stood at £221 million, up 47 The company said that by 29p to 559p.

Pre-tax profits at Southern GKW Holdings, the photo-Business Group, the fast-copier distributor, acquired growing USM photocopier last March for £6 million, is and vending machine lessor, being successfully integrated into operations under the group's overhead control sysbeen made in incorporating the business equipment di-vision of Sandhurst Market-ing, August's £5.5 million acquisition from WH Smith which added an installed base of 5,000 machines.

Mr David McErlain, the chairman, said the group is trading at record levels and with the full potential of the two most recent acquisitions to be realized in the coming months, he is confident of a highly successful year. The company also proposed a three-for-one acrip issue.



Profits up: David McErlain, centre, with directors John Murray and Roger Limpenny yesterday

#### **Wessex Water Plc Interim Results**

"I welcome our new Wessex shareholders and with them we look forward to the future of Wessex Water with confidence. Our half year results are as expected and we remain on course to achieve the full year profit forecast made in the prospectus."

> Nicholas Hood Chairman

Unaudited Group Results for the Six Months to 30 September 1989

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TURNOVER	73.6	
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OPERATING PROFIT	24.6	1
Interest	15.8	
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
BEFORE AND AFTER TAXATION	8.8	2
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PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	5.5	

The interim accounts for the six months to 30 September 1989, which are unaudited, have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in the prospectus dated 22 November 1989 and are consistent with the accounting policies adopted for the year unded 31 March 1989. Results for the six months to 30 September 1988 have not been presented. The Directors believe that comparison with this prior period would not be appropriate in view of changes during the current year in regulation, capital structure, in the level of infrastructure renewals expenditure and other costs associated with the Company's new status as a Plc.

The financial information contained in this interim statement does not amount to full accounts within the meaning of Section 254 of the Companies Act

Prior to 1 September 1989 Wessex Water was exempt from UK income, corporation and capital gains taxes. Until a hability to mainstream corporation tax or deferred tax arises, it is expected that the only tax charge to the profit and loss account will be the write off of advance corporation tax.

Extraordinary items relate to privatisation and restructuring costs. Pro forms earnings per ordinary share for the six months 26.9p.

Pro forms earnings per ordinary share are colculated using the number of shares in issue at 22 November 1989 of 102.6 million and earnings of £27.6 million. The earnings are based upon the profit after tax for the half year adjusted by £21.7 million in respect of interest on a basis as if the present capital structure had been in place since 1 April 1989 and by including a proforma taxabon charge of £2.9 million. The proforma taxation charge has been derived by applying the estimated effective rate for the year to 31 March 1990, based on the proforma forecast in the prospectus, to the adjusted interim results. Actual earnings per ordinary share are not shown as the number of shares in issue during the six months to 30 September 1989 are not considered to be representative of the group's position following implementation of the new capital structure.



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# Threat of collapse in European fast The European fast | Same Collapse | Same Threat of collapse breeder studies

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

A warning that the European gramme could collapse. Fast Breeder Programme may collapse if Britain does not involved, would then likely find ways of increasing its turn to Japan for colshare of the funding was laboration. Mr Davis said it given to the Commons Energy was important Britain re-Select Committee yesterday.

The programme is designed to develop the next generation of nuclear power stations which will be needed in the next century

The Government has cut funding into research on nuclear power from £100 million a year to only £10 million in the next financial year. In addition, the £30 million

a year being paid towards the project by the Central Electricity Generating Board has ended because of the coming privatization of the electricity

The Government is retain-ing the network of nuclear power stations in state owner-ship and the two generating companies to be created from the existing CEGB will no longer have any statutory obligation for the security of electricity supply.

Because of that the CEGB has had to withdraw such funding as it prepares for its However, Mr Derek Davis,

flotation early next year. a main board member of the CEGB, yesterday told the committee that if Britain had

mained in the programme in order to steer technological development towards British

Mr Davis did tell the committee that National Nuclear Corporation, the British company involved, had been given funding for the first six months of the next financial year in order to remain in the project by the Atomic Energy Authority and by British Nuclear Fuels.

The corporation must give three months' notice of withdrawal from the project so a decision on whether it can stay does not have to be made until late summer, Mr Davis told the committee.

However, the CEGB said that National Power the larger of the two generating com-panies which will be created from it officially on March 31 would be willing to contribute to the cost of keeping Britain in the programme. In evidence to the com-

mittee it said: "The CEGB has maintained support for development of fast reactor technology for more than two decades. There needs to be reto withdraw from the Euro-pean programme, the pro-responsibilities and funding."

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# **'Clothing imports**

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

could swamp UK'

Britain's clothing industry world are abolished too

The warning came from a delegation in Brussels from Britain's Retail Consortium, the trade body for most retail-ers. It urged the commission to phase out the import quota system over the next 10 years

said: "Otherwise, some marbe revolution rather than market is fully open."

The European Commission evolution." The Multi-Fibre has been given a warning that Arrangement - renewed three times since introduction in could be swamped by cheap 1974 - expires in July next imports if the European year. The consortium estimates that the British clothing ments with the rest of the trade employs 500,000 people. The potential job losses have been put at between 30,000 and 100,000. Mr Roger Saoul, the head of

economic information at Marks and Spencer and a member of the delegation, said: "The British industry has made tremendous progress in to give Britain time to prepare. the last 10 to 15 years, Mr Hugh Clark, the con- upgrading its capacity and sortium's assistant director, productivity. It just needs time to set up a sound kets will be flooded. It would manufacturing base before the

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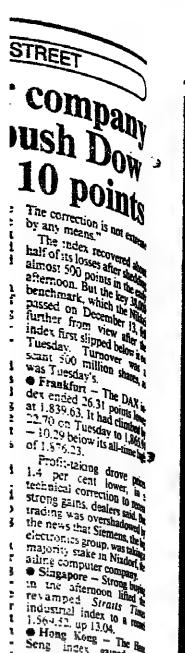
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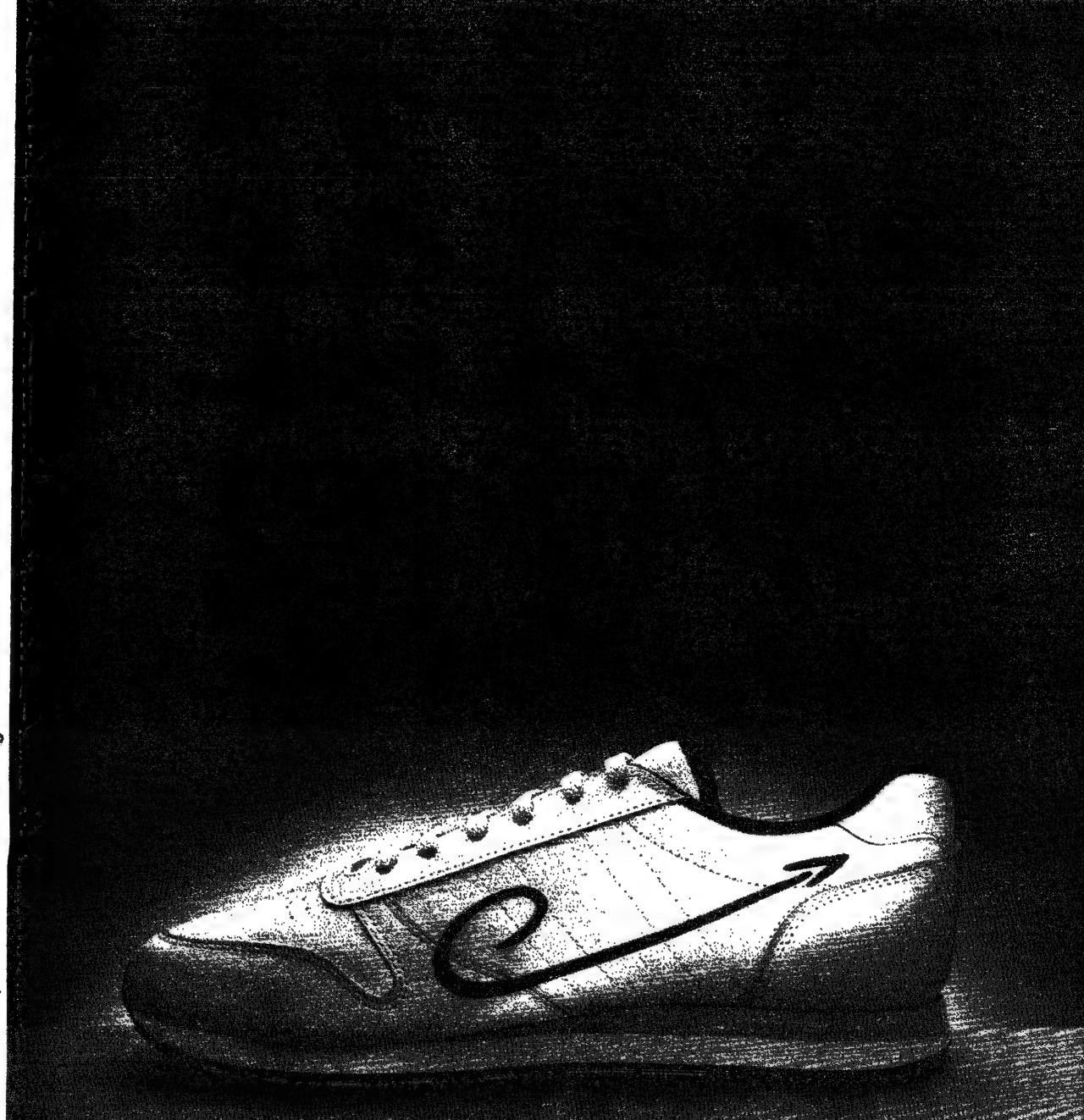
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The volume of domestic

exports grew by only 1 per cent in October compared

with a year ago, although the

value of exports rose by 4 per

cent to HK\$ 20.8 billion (£1.6

The volume of re-exports.

Hong Kong's main source of

trade revenues, was up by only 13 per cent while the value

surged by 20 per cent to HK\$

A government spokesman

said prices of domestic exports

of most commodity groups

increased in October from a

year ago, making the colony's

During the period prices

rose 7per cent for textile-

related articles, 7 per cent for

metal products, 7 per cent for travel goods and handbags

The export goods which suffered the largest fall in sales

volume in October were ra-

dios (39 per cent), travel goods

and handbags (23 per cent),

metal goods (21 per cent) and

footwear (15 per cent).

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exports less competitive.

TO THE TRUTH OF A V TANTIARY 11 1990

Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, yesterday responded angrily to Government calls to industry to hold the line on pay and urged Mr John Major, the Chancellor, to take issue with Cabinet ministers instead.

The CBI has for months been accusing the Government of committing "inflationary own goals" by allowing costs within its control, such as electricity prices and business rates - to rise unnec-

The disclosure that Mr Michael Howard, the new Employment Secretary, is planning to tour the country to exhort industry leaders to show restraint on wages has angered the CBI leadership, which wants the Government to stay out of the private sector's pay bargaining.

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He acknowledged that mo-tor workers' demands were to assume that productivity "very disturbing", but pro-posed that the easiest way to curb them was for the Government to avoid inflationary Mr Banham, interviewed on BBC Radio's Today programme, underlined that it was the current beadline inflabillion in excess of what was

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"I think the Chancellor, Mr Major, knows very well that the prime audience for any sermons about wage restraint and the need for performance to match pay is around the Cabinet table - not elsewhere," Mr Banham said. He accepted that without

improved productivity, high pay awards were a recipe for inflation and unemployment, but made it clear that it was up claims, such as the 10 per cent- to industry to decide what it Referring to the ambulance dispute, he said it was wrong

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### HK exports German economy grows at fastest rate for 10 years

By Our Economics Correspondent

year grew the fastest for a was aiming for a "two per cent decade and even managed to limit." West German interest post a budget surplus for the first time in 15 years.

The latest economic data are likely to bolster further its currency, shares and bonds which were already at record heights following the opening-

Herr Egon Hölder, president of the Federal Spristica Office in Wiesbaden, said preliminary estimates showed the gross national product growing by a real 4 per cent last year after 3.6 per cent growth in 1988.

In the final quarter growth was higher than the 3.5 per cent year-on-year gain reported in the third quarter, he said, but gave no actual figure.

Last year, exports grew at nearly twice the previous year's rate, and investment also moved ahead. Private consumption growth slowed, while public consumption fell.

Though at a level most countries would envy, West Germany's cost-of-living rose an average 2.8 per cent, more than double the 1.3 per cent inflation the year before.

In an interview published yesterday, Herr Claus Köhler, a senior Bundesbank official, said inflation was unlikely to

West Germany's economy last rise and that the Bundesbank rates would only have to rise again if inflation rose significantly above 3 per cent.

The return to surplus reflected a 7.7 per cent rise in state revenue due to the contributed DM10 billion.

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### The statistics office figures, which provide a more favour-

able picture of the government budget position than those issued by the finance ministry, showed a budget surplus of DM5.6 billion (£2.01 billion) last year after a DM45.2 billion deficit previously.

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# Slurry with fringe benefits on top

Bob Rodwell talks to a man who is

proving that where there's muck,

there really is money to be made

ithin two years the entire Coleraine County Derry, may be heated with methane gas derived from dung at Europe's first commercial slurry processing plant, to be built nearby.

Les Gornall's Green Land Systems is negotiating to supply the university with gas along a one-mile pipeline from his plant which will also produce liquid fertilizer and a dry bagged peat substitute and soil conditioner.

In its first phase, the plant will be scaled to handle the waste products of 1,000 head of cattle and, in its early days, also digest 30,000 tonnes of sewage sludge.

Delivery of what others would record as a big handleshe but

regard as a big headache, but which Gornall sees as the equivalent of 7,500 tonnes of best anthra-

cite, will be spread over five years.

"Farm slurry, pig manure, sewage sludge, poultry droppings—
it's all a carbon source to me and as good as an oil field," says Gornall, who has spent 12 years developing the technology. He argues that, potentially, the byproducts of a cattle herd comfortably exceed in value the beef on

A medium-sized cattle house

produces about 33 tonnes of beef a year — and 3,000 tonnes of slurry. This in turn contains methane of together with 300 tonnes of fibrous matter, which is almost all carbon and as good as 300 tonnes of best anthracite. But at the moment farmers concentrate on those two lorry loads of beef and throw away the 30 lorry loads of

In October, Gornall picked up a £37,500 Small Firms Merit Award for Research and Technology (SMART) from the Department of Trade and Industry to aid the £128,000 development of his improved composter/dryer, which is the latest advance in a system he first established for the organically farming Cistercian monks of Beth-lehem Abbey at Portglenone in County Antrim.

The monks take vows of poverty and so are almost embar-rassed by the fact that their 300 head of cattle produce gas and fertilizers worth more than £60,000 annually.

The gas heats the abbey and they cannot produce enough liquid fertilizer and horticultural peat substitute to satisfy local demand, while their organic-ally grown crops command up to three times the prices of those



Les Gornall loads his composter-dryer: "Pig manure, sewage sludge, poultry droppings - it's all a carbon source to me and as good as an oil field"

grown with synthetic fertilizers. Gornall's digesters throw off the gas with gentle heating and produce a pumpable liquid. This is mechanically separated into odourless liquid fertilizer and its most valuable constituent, the

His new composter/dryer pas-teurizes and dries the fibre and has a computerized system to produce the optimum conditions for the actino mycetes bacteria and the cellulose-reducing fungi which gobble up the woody bits

A gas potentially more ozone-unfriendly than CFCs is now a target

Green protesters turn heat

that would take 21 weeks to produce in other systems and a year naturally on the forest

De-humidifying equipment is used to dry the fibre at a relatively low temperature, 80°C, to avoid killing the high-temperature bac-

Days after his DTI award, Gornall was demonstrating his system at the Ecotech 89 exhibition in Utrecht in The Netherlands. To maximize flexibility in energy

'Farmers concentrate on two lorry loads of beef and throw away 30 lorries of coal'

European agent for the United States Ajax range of slow single-cylinder valveless "sour gas" engines, used on oil fields to run on

aw methane from the wells-He marries these engines with up-to-the-minute wind generator technology to obtain power and recovers, for space heating, the heat of the engine combustion

Waste products produced on Ulster's farms are potentially the foundation for a £100 million-ayear industry, Gornall claims, and could benefit the provincial economy by as much as £500 million a

osts have fallen to the a herd as small as 40 head is now viable. His first private buyer is a County Antrim farmer with 70 cattle, who is receiving a 50 per cent grant towards the £40,000

He will see a speedy return on investment, because the by-prod-uct value will be at least £7,000 a year, and with the gas heating his home and his brother-in-law's house next door, he should be feeling very snug.



## Industry wins new support

ogy-transfer group, has en- fails outside the academic dowed the Centre for Com- fields for which postgraduate mercial Law Studies at the funding is available. Mary and Westfield College with a £2,000 scholarship for students on the MSc course in intellectual property law (Nick Nattall writes).

BTG's docision reflects the growth in the past decade of serated technology and the increasing need to protect inventions and ideas from intellectual theft. The scholarship will help students – graduates in science and technology — who find it hard will help encourage the eff-to get further fonding for ective protection of both aca-studies in this area of the law. demic and industrial in-Students keen to study for vention."

BTG hopes that the establishment of an endowment will help the group forge links with the University of London, whose property-law unit is admired as a key centre in Britzin for advanced teaching and research of patent, copy-

ian Harvey, BTG's chief executive, says: "We are delighted to be supporting the intellectual property unit. We look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship which

### on world of computers

Fire extinguishers using halon are still the most com-

mon form of extinguisher in

computer rooms, according to

a survey by the international

consultants Price Waterhouse.

spread in computer rooms

because it operates quickly -

it can normally extinguish a

fire in 60 seconds, does not

conduct electricity, is consid-

released, people who are in the

region can go temporarily deaf or suffer frost-bite and eye

#### PERSPECTIVE By David Frost

is coming under scrutiny. California's Silicon Valley, in particular, is the site of growing protest about the contin-uing use of chlorofluoro-carbons (CFCs) to clean computer components. CFCs are said to damage the Earth's protective ozone layer, con-tributing to what has become to be even more hazardous than CFCs because it can cause damage by reacting with ozone, even without sunlight and oxygen, which must be present for CFCs to react with ozone. Bromine levels are said known as the greenhouse to be increasing at 5 per cent a effect. Computer rooms are also

under scrutiny. Halon, a gas potentially more damaging to the ozone layer than CFCs, is released intentionally or accidentally at hardware sites. Fire is the main cause of

high on the agenda, and the computer industry

irretrievable data loss. Until recently, halon-based fireprotection systems have usually been recommended. Insurance companies also

prefer this type of system, but ered non-toxic to computers computer users increasingly and people (although there is a are worried about the environ-possibility that when the gas is mental consequences of releasing halon into the atmosphere, although the amount released is only a fraction of damage), has a high penetrathat expelled by aerosol sprays tion and can be cleared from a and refrigerators. Halon gas incorporates bro- quickly after it has ex-

mine compounds, as well as tinguished the fire. chlorine. Both are believed to On the other hand, apart damage the ozone layer. Bro- from the environmental hazmine compounds are thought ards, halon is expensive and the release of the gas can be powerful, in some cases bring-ing down false ceilings and

smashing windows. An alternative gas will probably take another 10 years to develop. The only large alternative system uses water sprinklers, which are environnentally sound but have other disadvantages

Impurities in the water can damage computer equipment and the combination of water and electricity can be a dangerous mixture. Water from to fires inside cabinets or equipment and it can be difficult to recover information from soaking equipment or soggy storage media.

either halon nor sprinkler systems alone are completely efficient. A mixture of the two - halon in the floor voids and water sprinklers overhead coupled with effective heat and smoke detectors - is best. Another water-based alter-

native, which is still being developed, sprays a fine mist of water from ceiling jets. On contact with the heat, the mist

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turns to steam and smothers the fire. This uses smaller amounts of water and causes less damage to equipment. Systems designed to British

Standards specifications and installed properly should in-clude integral checking mechanisms and control circuitry, features to minimize the risk of accidental release of halon gas. To prevent the release of halon during fire tests, quality-control checks and roomintegrity testing, with fanpressurization techniques to prove room tightness, can be introduced.

As well as these sophisticated systems, simpler approaches to minimizing the damage to the ozone layer can also be effective.

About half of the fires that destroy computer systems start outside the computer room. Basic fire precautions should be observed throughout the building. This includes a ban on smoking and using only fire-resistant furnishings.

For committed environmentalists, the halon issue is only one of many in the greening of industry but it is an area where immediate action is possible.

• The author is a partner in Price Waterhouse, specializing



### Mars as a space service station

that 120 tonnes of feel will be needed to get a manned ship to Mars and back. Yet carrying so much fuel is likely to hamper mankind's efforts to set up Martian bases and ultimately to colonize the heavens. Precious scientific equip would have to stay behind to make way for the enormous propeliant payload.

To cut the amount of fuel needed on Martian missions, the American space agency, Nasa, is considering an am-bitions solution — to harness the gases in the Martian atmosphere as a fuel source and build refineries on its

The idea is to launch ships with just enough fuel to get to Mars. The ships would then fill up on the planet for the

internationally renowned Jet several years later.
Propulsion Laboratory in The Pasadena te American science magazine Discover says the project is for the return trip. now back in business because of renewed Nasa funding and a private grant.

Hopes are high that a system able to extract rocket fuel from the Martian air to provide a filling station service to visiting spaceships may soon be possible. The atmosphere of Mars

contains oxygen, one of the principal ingredients of rocket foel, in large quantities. It is in the form of carbon dioxide gas. which accounts for 96.5 per cent of the atmosphere. Robert Ash, one of the

laboratory's engineers dev-eloping the system, says: "Most liquid rocket engines

liquid oxygen."

The system, which the team
has developed into a prototype Martian air into a processor and heating it to about 1,800 degrees. Some of the carbon dioxide is split into free oxygen and carbon monoxide.

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First, oxygen is separated with the use of a zirconium membrane that attracts forized atoms of oxygen. It is then liquefied and stored in cooled containers. Tests with a simulated Martian atmosphere, as-ing the team's model, have managed to extract a tenth of a cubic foot of oxygen from every cubic foot of air. "Eventually," Ash says, "we would like to get two-and-half times Chat."

The project comes at a key time in the push to conquer Mars. Plans are at an advanced stage to send an un-manued mission to the planet at the turn of the century. A Since 1977, engineers at the manned visit would follow

The Pasadena team thinks Pasadena, California, have that if the extraction and grappled with just such an idea refinery unit could be sent to refinery unit could be sent to 🧌 but have been restricted by Mars 12 months ahead of the dwindling Nasa budgets. The astronauts, there would be astronauts, there would be enough fuel ready and waiting

Some Nasa planners are said to be wary about travelling so far without the total certainty of return-trip feel. However, even if the extraction and refinery system does not produce the fuel expected. Nasa believes it could play a critical role, "As we establish permanent

bases on the moon and Mars, we will need to 'live off the land'," Frank Martin, of Nasa's office of exploration, says. "Refineries will be in-dispensable when we are not just travelling to distant bodies, but living on them."

Nick Nuttail

### Cutting the CFCs

Components can now be sol- tion and aesthetics, the residered and mounted on to due of paste left on the board without the need for environ- solvents. mentally damaging chloro-fluorocarbons (CFCs), gases linked with damage of the Earth's ozone layer.

BOC, the former British Oxygen Company, has developed a process that allows the board-makers to mount parts without the need for a cleaning phase in which, currently, CFC chemicals are used. Conventionally "surface-mount" soldering of electronic parts

printed circuit boards (PCBs) must be washed off by CFC

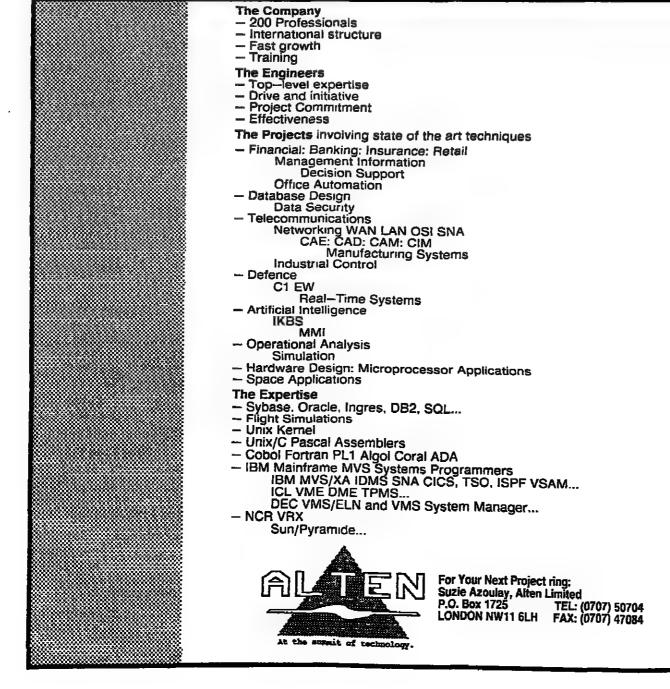
What the BOC researchers have done as part of a threeyear project is to develop a paste which contains no rosinbased flux and a special atmosphere in which soldering is

The atmosphere decomposes the excess paste into gases, leaving behind a clean circuit board.

Neil Downie, BOC's elecuses a solder paste containing Europe, says the process helps tronics development manager, rosin-based flux. For a variety manufacturers by cutting envirof reasons, including insula-

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**TECHNOLOGY** 

An increasing number of disabled and housebound people are working from home and playing an active role in business, Leslie Tilley reports

# When disability is no handicap

he information technology industry is being targeted by a number of groups keen to increase the job opportunities for those with physical handicaps. Computing is ideally suited, as there is a wide range of high-level jobs which are technology based, and the tools of the trade can be easily adapted to the special needs of those with disabilities, such as implementing voice-activated, as opposed to keyboard-activated,

The problem of enabling handi-capped people to work at home, when they are housebound or where a firm's premises may not be suitable and cannot be adapted, can sometimes be solved by no more than a personal computer and a telephone to link them effectively with their office

The Department of Trade and Industry launched a project some years ago to match "home-based disabled people with employers and with jobs which use computer equipment. A number of firms offered positions, primarily as programmers and word processor operators. The Remote Work Units project, managed by the IT World consultancy firm, was such a success that the original six jobs were increased to 60.

"It was difficult at the start, as we were presenting a number of new concepts, such as a career in information technology, home-working and real jobs for the

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disabled," says Breda Robertson, IT World consultant. "There were failures because some people and jobs did not work out, but there were many, many successes. The motivation of the company evolved from a cost-cutting exercise to altruism. Now there are more interesting motivations, such as making use of their technological investment."

The Department of Employ-ment has taken over responsibility for the programme through the Disablement Advisory Service, which provides assistance in recruitment, training, special aids and grants for equipment.

However, it reports in an evaluation study that "the potential for disabled people is not always fully exploited by employers", although they are often highly qualified and can work as effectively as able hedian work. effectively as able-bodied staff.

The study points out that disabled employees can convert from on-site workers to home-based workers relatively easily and that the IT industry opens up both new and retention job opportunities for disabled people to work from home It found that computer equip-

ment can be successfully operated by people with varying degrees of disability - including the most severely physically disabled with little or no adaptation. IT World has also developed a

cilities to get around the problem of developing IT skills. However, Robertson says it found that many disabled people are not aware of the career opportunities.

"We found it was a bit of a chicken and egg situation. At the end of the DTI project, we had many more IT jobs than disabled people to fill them. There is a hidden group of enabled disabled people who are isolated at home and not looking for employment. We found we had to go to inor-dinate lengths to tease them out of the woodwork "

On the other hand, the IT industry finds difficulty in attracting highly qualified specialists and is more ideally placed than most to capitalize on its technology to attract those who may be forced to ahandon their existing careers. The British Computer Society

(BCS) is now putting its weight behind a number of initiatives. The Specialist Group for the Disabled helps in finding equipment and provides other support services. Its IT Support for the Disabled project seeks to raise awareness among employers and offers a helpline for firms. "Firms tend to look for people

who already have IT skills, rather than how technology can belp disabled people do jobs such as office work," says Tom Mangan, the project's information officer. However, those who have IT skills are already employed. Many firms are unaware of the unlimited



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The Duke of Kent watches Geoff Bushy demonstrate a computer at the British Computer Society Awards

grants available for providing training, equipment and adapting the premises to suit people with disabilities."

The BCS is investigating the possibility of a database to match employer's staffing needs with suitably experienced potential recruits, and is getting together with a number of representative groups to form an umbrella organization next spring to raise awareness in

Firms with more than 20 staff are required by law to employ a quota of registered disabled people under the war-time Disabled Persons (Employment) Act. Firms say they are unable to monitor the system, as many with disabilities prefer not to register.

Geoff Busby, director of the BCS group, says that firms "are not meeting the three per cent quota", and should do more training. "Those with disabilities are not being trained to a high enough level," he adds.

He points out that a "key issue" which needs to be tackled by the Government is disability allowances, as these are cut as soon as employment is found. Salaries do not often match the perks and benefits available and he instead calls for benefits to be "scaled

down" as salaries rise. This is another reason why the IT in-dustry is popular, as the salaries are high and tend to compensate more than other occupations.

employ, the manufacturing business set up by the Government after the war to employ disabled people, is looking to IT as a way of improving the career prospects of its staff.

Most work in the firm's factories, although many have de-grees and are skilled in other occupations. The company cur-

### Ring in the new

ritish Telecom is back-B ing a new company, run by disabled people, which will specialize in designing and making affordable telecommunications equipment for the severely handicapped (Nick Vuttall writes).

The Liverpool company BIT 32, which already makes special computer systems for the disabled, has received £70,000 funding for the lameh under BT's Community Action budget.

The new company, to be called Hansoff Systems Ltd. hopes to be self-financing

Mike Farnsworth, BT's operator services and support manager, says: "We hit on the idea of tailor-made equip-ment and looked around for a partner.

Jobs at the new form are being advertised and there is to be no limit on an applicant's range of disabilities.

rently employs 11,000 staff, of whom 9,000 are registered as severely disabled

"We are looking at ways of enhancing the career opportupities for those with a good education and who worked in offices rather than with their hands," says Mark Daymond. personnel director of Remploy.

"IT does offer a number of possibilities. We are starting a new scheme called Interwork to employ disabled staff and subcontract them to other firms. It takes the hassle of managing it from the employer."

# IT APPEARS TO BE BRAIN-DEAD DO WE CALL IN A TECHNICIAN OR A NEUROLOGIST?

# Something to think about

n the beginning, there were digital computers, big, slow and very stupid. Half a century later, digital computers are very small and fast, but when it comes to thinking they are still idiots compared with humans. But what would happen if computer circuits could be made to resemble our brains - if they could learn

from their mistakes? Hundreds of tiny companies have sprung up in the past three years hoping to answer - and cash in on those questions with an approach cailed neural networks, named after the neurons that. are the basic structure of the human nervous system. Carlos Tapang, a 36-year-old Filipino physicist who left chip-maker Intel to start Syntonic Systems, has delivered what he believes is the first commercially available neural network chip to Electrodyne, a

Japanese company. The chip is called Dendros-1, a reference to dendrites, the bighly branched filaments which allow human cells to communicate. It simulates the work of neurons, which reWilliam McCall on moves towards

ceive a variety of signals through dendrites and produce a single result. Tapang compares the chip's function to measuring the flow of water through a network of dif-ferent-sized pipes by emptying them into a single pool. Such a system of computing values is called "analogue", which implies a continuous form of

second hand on a watch. Digital computers, like digital watches, chop time and numbers into tiny bits and add them up, one at a time. "Bits" are the smallest unit of information in the binary system which is the "brain" of a digital computer. The great advantage of today's digital computers is that they can add

computers with brains like humans

on a digital model to process measurement, like the sweep

those bits very fast, even if it is done only one bit at a time.

There is some evidence that the neural cells in our brains use a kind of digital system to transmit signals. These on-off

pulses, called spikes, confused early researchers and led some to believe that the brain relied

information. Instead, they found it was only a tiny portion of a complex electrochemical network which channels signals the way Tapang is trying to imitate. The key word is "network". It is the interaction of neurons in our brains that gives rise to

thought, not the action of a single neuron. In that sense, Tapang says, digital computers are doomed to be electronic dunces because their chips are designed to be solitary devices called central processing units, channelling all operations through one electronic "pipe".

However, some computer scientists and industry analysts are sceptical that neural networks will replace digital computing. Neural networks "be a fine addition to what we've got now, but to each other.

they'll just supplement it", says Esther Dyson, editor and publisher of Release 1.0, a New York computer newsletter. "They'll never replace the mathematically precise logic of a digital system. They're good at things like pattern recognition, but still

cannot cope with our kind of fuzzy thinking."
One California-based company. Synaptics, has used neural network technology to develop what it calls a silicon retina. An array of photo sensors emulates the light receptors in the eye, and an analogue computer processes the image for display on a video monitor.

Tapang uses capacitors to simulate neurons, which rely on chemicals to transmit signais between synapses. Capacitors store and release electricity in much the same way. Dendros-1 has one fixed connection and 22 variable ones which simulate synapses. It can be layered with other chips to create an overlapping network of communicating capacitors that "fire" signals

### Cancer hit by sound

potential way of boost-A ing the power of cancer-killing drugs has been discovered by scientists in California. The technique harpesses the effects of ultra-bigh frequency sound or ultrasound in the hope that it will make chemical attack.

Adriamycin is one of the mest common drugs used to fight cancers. Unfortunately, it is highly toxic to heart muscle. The new technique, in which altrasound is targeted on a tumour, promises to increase the drag dose that goes into the cancer cells without large amounts reach-

ing the heart. Dr George Hahn, professo of radiation oucology at Stanford University, says early trials on mice tumours are encouraging, but admitted his team was still unsure why ultrasound worked in this way.

He says: "It is a pressure wave that induces motion in molecules. It is not unreasonable to hypothesize that this increases the passage of drugs into the cells or to certain structures, almost like pushing them in."

The ultranound system the Stanford team is using is 100 times more powerful than the

Researchers are planning more animal experiments and Hahn expects to do the first human tests on breast cancer victims. Adriamycia is known to be effective against such tumours, and being nearer the surface they are easier to tackle with ultraspend.

Businesses receptive to information technology developments may find it easier to recruit and retain high-quality staff, a survey of leading British companies SUPPESIS. Turnover in skilled staff is

emerging as an increasing cause for concern within western industry and commerce as the era of the baby boom is supplanted by the 1990s, a decade in which the level of school and university graduates is set to slump.

But, the study indicates, if companies are "early adopters" of new technology and provide high-level training to support this, the economic dangers of staff turnover can be minimized.

This is just one of the findings from Excellence and ine II ractor, conducted MSA Business Survey of Maidenbead, Berkshire. Fifteen of Britain's top-

performing Stock Exchange companies over the past five years, including Asda, Avon Rubber, Emap, ICI, Grand Metropolitan, the Pentland Group, Safeway and Tarmac Quarry Products, were asked bout their policies and attitudes to IT.

The survey also aimed to try to identify the role that such technologies could play in busi-RESTORE SEST

It found that most managers questioned believed that IT was now "inextricably linked" to business strategy. Few mentioned it in relation to competitive advantage, but many admitted that the innovative actions of others played a role in the harnessing of new devel-

However, one admitted: Markets are changing to such an extent that your competitor might not actually be the person that you see as your competitor. Certainly suppliers ... keep us posted on how far we are behind or not." Another key finding was the

### How to win the winners

What attracts skilled IT staff

increasing autonomy being given to departments charged with running a company's IT operations.

Most managers viewed free-dom for their IT professionals to devise strategic and tactical business technology solutions as a crucial ingredient in their company's overall success. In terms of hiring, only one

company said it looked for specific academic qualifications. Nearly all said that experience was the key reason for "A love of change" and per-

sonal communication skills were also identified as important employee qualities.

Asda, the supermarket chain, emphasized that arts graduates could also make excellent IT

staff members. Most of those asked emphasized training. Each company

spent an average of 4.4 per cent of their £120,000 average annual IT budget on training. For the make of equipment most favoured, IBM ranked highest for hardware. But many emphasized that they also used other suppliers, such as Digital

Equipment and ICL. No single supplier of personal computers dominated the

Most companines said they IT strategies.

Avon Rubber said: "We used

to talk in five-year and 10-year horizons, but we found that beyond three was so much of a projection, it had little credibility."

However, Tarmac said: We have a two-year look, but the objective with the IT strategy is to give us something that will operate for 10

The increasing cost of software and the need to harness the growing data storage and power of PCs were mentioned as concerns for the future.

For most companies, 1992 and the single market posed little special challenge to their

IT policies. An ICI official said: "There is nothing special about 1992 in terms of our strategy."

An Avon Rubber spokesman said: "I am getting somewhat concerned that we are al pretending 1992 is going to be very significant, but we haven't got a clue what it

means. "If you ask me, 1995 is going to be the big headache, because by that time things

will have happened . . . it will be very serious." Most of the companies said

they viewed external IT consultancies as "facilitators" rather than a strategic or management resource.

Consultants were in the main considered to be expensive and to be used when resources were stretched or when a company was entering an alien area in which internal knowledge was slim or non-existent. They are also used for specific studies.

"Caution" sums up the general view of the interviewees over harnessing outside resources, according to the

Nevertheless, some companies were enthusiastic. Asda said: "There was no way in saw two or three years as the which, by ourselves, we could realistic time-scale for planning have replaced every systemin

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The move, timed for the aunch of a new software division, marks a return to basics as the company shifts its emphasis from manufacturing. ACT will include Apricot's own well as recent purchases Logsys, Sigmex and ITL. It is seeking a partner for the computer-manufacturing side of its business, which

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The polymer can be either painted on or incorporated into a submerged surface's materials. It is being tested at the company's materials research facility at Daytona Beach, Florida - with encouraging results. IBM is launching a multi-

million pound joint venture with the institute for the Development of Andalusia, and Expo '92, which is aimed at producing computers that, for the first time, will read, translate and even speak Spanish. The scheme, hich involves the founding of

a Language Technology Centre in Seville, will also try to tackle lesser-known regional dialects such as Catalan. The University of

Warwick, the Rover Group and Rolls-Royce, have founded an advanced technology centre for post graduate research. It was opened by the Prime Minister this week. The centre, which will comprise an advanced technology unit and an advanced ceremics unit, aims to bring university and

company staff into closer contact through the charing of facilities. Partners claim the centre is a unique project in the field of industry and academic

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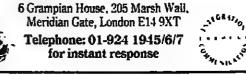
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# Sport's chief talent scout for the Lord

We all call on the Lord at some time or another. "Good God" we will exclaim at yet another monumental interference with our well-ordered lives. "Heavens above," we may add, or perhaps "Lord, help me" as the children set fire to the kitchen or the golf clubs have been

Andrew Wingfield Digby, however, is a little different. He calls on the Lord every day but as one of His earthly lieutenants, not in quite the same way as the rest of us. He has dedicated his life to helping sportsmen and sportswomen from the highest level to the lowest.

He does not look much like a reverend. Six foot and something, no dog-collar but an open-necked shirt with a high-necked pullover that has clearly given yeoman service, he stands at the bar, orders a couple of pints and talks about cricket

"Diggers," the director of Christians in Sport, an Oxford Blue and still captain of Dorset's Minor Counties cricket side, never thrusts religion down anyone's throat. He waits for the subject to be raised and, until it is, cricket, or any other sport, is a welcome matter for

As Peter Roebuck, the Somerset batsman, says of this man who was chaplain to the English-speaking teams at the Olympics in Seoul and is friend to many of England's Test cricketers and other household names: "He has identified a need among players for something beyond their hazardous careers. "He believes, and I think it is right,

that every county club should have a chaplain, just as every club has a doctor and a physiotherapist. Sportsmen are in need of mental and special care. It is not enough to offer bandages to men who risk success and failure, suitably stated in newspapers, every day of their lives."

The success of Digby's crusade can be gauged by the fact that cricket clubs like Gloucester, Yorkshire and Leicestershire and 35 of the 92 Football League clubs have a chaplain. Are they really needed?

"Yes, indeed," Digby says. "They are there as a friend, a pastoral safety-net, if required. They have, of course, to care, not be idolatrous or simply seeking a ticket for the next big match. And they have to cope with the bad language of the dressing-room — some vicars are shocked by all that.

But players do have problems. Many, and real ones. By far the biggest number are marriage problems; there are lots of them. But they also have financial worries, a fear of injury and what happens when their careers end. Yes, they need a counsellor.

The chaplain is like a vicar in a parish where the church has often been an irrelevance. He is not bible-bashing or



On a swing and a prayer: the Reverend Andrew Wingfield Digby takes a break from pondering on loftier things by addressing himself to the humbling game of golf

spilling the beans to the Press but winning their confidence. And increasingly the players are accepting him, coming to him as a friend. "However much some may at times

embarrass me, I am always on the side of the players. Not as some moral force, but trying to make them use their talent constructively, Theirs is a God-given gift. and cheating, for instance, damages that gift. We hope that players will ultimately see this for themselves; that there is no satisfaction in the job if they cheat. "Ten of England's track-and-field side

at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland are committed Christians. They

names of sport have influence and therefore responsibility to be role models

Among those names few come bigger than Glenn Hoddle and Justin Fashanu, Alan Knott, John Barciay and Vic Marks, Bernhard Langer and Paul Azinger, Carl Lewis and Kris Akabusi, Dennis Ralston and Stan Smith, all active Christians trying to help their fellows to understand that winning is not

But that does not, in Digby's book, mean that you do not strive to win. No one is a tougher competitor on the cricket field than he. Indeed, the rules of the Minor Counties Cricket championship are being changed because of him and one particular pursuit of

He found fame not, for once, having Eddie Barlow caught first ball, or for striking a four which Colin Cowdrey rated the best cover drive he had seen that season, but for conceding 14 successive wides that all went for four in single over. Dorset had never beaten Cheshire and,

on this day, the latter, with six wickets down and still needing 111 runs, settled

for a draw. "Diggers" wanted a result victory would put them into the first round of the NatWest Cup.

So he bowled wide after wide until Cheshire needed only 52 off 10 overs and, of course, started to go for them. Inevitably, as Digby planned, they were bowled out. The Cheshire chairman left the ground "in outrage" and the Minor Counties are amending the rules to stop such a happening again, to the total disgust of the Dorset captain.

"That is disgraceful, quite draconian," he says. "Who is to say what is or isn't in A Dorset man, Digby is the son of a sporting vicar who rode at Oxford and went on from his Sherborne parish to become archedeacon of Salisbury. He followed his father to Oxford with a passion for sport and a deep desire to be a journalist. "But even The Field wouldn't give me a job - the Lord must have had something else in mind for me," he laughs.

That "something" took shape when he met the Reverend David Sheppard, now Bishop of Liverpool. Sheppard, already an England cricketer, was also an old boy like Digby of Sherborne School and at that time was running the Mayflower Centre in Canning Town, London.

Digby admits to being "like a fish out of water in the concrete jungle of south London; but, working at a lavatory paper factory while also being general dogsbody at the family centre as he waited to go up to Oxford, he became a committed Christian

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Cricket remained a large part of his life. With Sheppard, he played for Canning Town and on bad wickets "Diggers" learnt that simply to bowl straight brought its own reward. That is all he has ever done, deceiving many a batsman, since; and, as he closes on his fortieth birthday and his last season as Dorset captain, what he will do again

Digby has not changed overmuch down the years. He admits to a low laughter level, smiling readily, laughing often. His open, countryman's face creases as he recalls the Leicestershire wicketkeeper, Roger Tolchard, rebuking "a mild but definitely un-Christian oath" when he was out

cheaply.

"Hey, I thought you were going to be a vicar," Tolchard said. "Vicars aren't meant to use language like that."

Digby says: "I was terribly ashaned of myself. It is only when I drop a catch that

I am really tested now." And he smiles

Digby has seen the seamy side of sport, enjoyed "some great days" at university playing with Imran Khan, Tavare and Marks and spent the last few years based at Oxford trying "to create an effective ministry within sport" to motivate people's sporting talent, yet with a sense of playing to higher purpose. He does not believe in sitting in a corner and, with the world of sport at his parish, refuses so to

If no one wants to talk his busine then it is time for another pint and a chat about the same just gone. Should someone wish to look beyond the everopen door of this sporting missionary's world, he will put down his pint and give what help be can. As Roebuck said: "He helps many and harms no one."

COMMONWEALTH GAMES: BRITAIN'S LEADING WOMAN ATHLETE TO TRY OUT A NEW THROWING TECHNIQUE

### Whitbread tests competitive arm

From David Powell, Athletics Correspondent, Sydney

leading woman athlete of the 1980s, who has been absent from international javelin competition for 16 mouths, has advanced the date of her comeback.

Whitbread, who as recently as November was uncertain of her participation in the Commonwealth Games after a shoulder operation, said yesterday that her training had progressed so well that she intended to compete in the MBF Common-wealth Challenge meeting here She does not expect to an-

proach immediately the distances which made her European and world champion and Olympic runner-up at Seoul but believes that Sunday should tell her something about her prospects of winning her first Commonwealth title at the fourth attempt in Auckland in

just over a fortnight's time.
"I couldn't be stronger and the said "But I need to be taken up a level or two and that can only be done in competition when the adrenalin is flowing and there is that added edge to make me perform well."

Whitbread needed only one local meeting in 1989 to achieve the second-longest throw of the year. But the 72.26 metres she threw at Grays in May, her only competition since Seoul, put her in hospital as she ripped the muscle away from the bone in

her right shoulder.
"When I started to come back I was told to forget the Commonwealth Games and think possibly of the European championships in August but since I got back my full mobility I have been throwing three times a week and now I have to test my arm in competition.

"I have to feel my way through it. The speed of release will be double what it is in training, so I have to know where I stand. Sunday is a big day for me but I don't expect too much. When you get off a bike and leave it for a while you feel wobbly when you get back on, and I'll just be happy to be back

all four international champ-ionship trites.

Their achievements bred a rivalry that acither enjoyed and home a bounty of medals from the Commonwealth Games at Auckland, but prospects for success among the Scots and Welsh are slim. acrimony is still evident: Whithread gibed recently that Sanderson's participation at a lower level while she pursued a television career detracted from

her previous accomplishment.
Two polls to seek enthusiasts' opinion on who the leading athletes of the 1980s were had Whithread away ahead of Sanderson in the best British Woman category.
At 33 and with work as a

sports news reader on Sky television beckoning stronger, this may be Sanderson's last chance of a significant win over Whitbread while the woman five years her junior familiarizes herself with a modified technology. herself with a modified tech-nique which should reduce the

chance of her injury recurring.
Sanderson, however, is not the formidable competitor that Petra Felke, the East German world record holder, has be-"I view the Commonwealth

Games as a chance to get back into top competition without feeling threatened by the sort of distances Tessa will turn out - I don't feel she will throw any-where near distances Felke would," Whitbread said. She has had to accept a

achieves a flatter throw. "Throwing is a whiplash move-ment and the last thing that comes in is the shoulder. I have had to adjust my line of movement, making it slightly round-armed - it can't come over the top as it did before and I have to move my upper body slightly to the left to allow my arm to come through in a straight line.

"I might lose a little distance but it is an adjustment I have had to make. The fibres in my shoulder have been stitched and when I pull I am not getting that elasticity of movement. If I pull too hard, too fast, too soon whole thing could rip open."

#### **Badminton confidence** has a golden hue

Paul Whetnall, the England up can shake off the mighty ens and retain the team gold at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland later this

The team, five men and five women, flies to Auckland tomorrow confident it can better the nine medals won at the 1986 Games in Edinburgh. Malaysia - who did not enter

in 1986 - pose the biggest threat, with a team including men's doubles pair Razif and Jalani Sidek, the 1982 All England champions, and Foo ary 17 to 21.

Darren Hall are capable of beating Keong, and the biggest threat to Helen Troke's title comes from the English national

champion, Fiona Smith, a silver medallist in 1986." Hall, the European champion, said: "Our preparations have gone really well. We're con-fident we can fly the flag in New

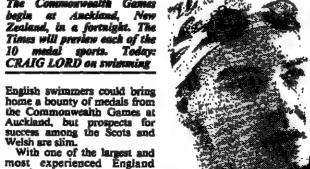
Baddeley took the men's title in Edinburgh, and Gill Clark and Gill Gowers won the women's doubles. The team stop off to play in

the Taipei Masters from Janu-

Kok Keong, the leading singles player.

Whetnail said: "Despite the presence of the Malaysians, we are confident of winning the team gold. Steve Baddeley and "Troks (Hampshare).

# **Bounty hunters of England**



the team stands to win many more than the six gold medals, seven silvers and eight bronzes of the 1986 Games in Edintradition of producing worldburgh. Seven new caps will join class breaststrokers. the team of 21 men and 20 women but the strength of England lies in their exper internationals, headed by their

and Sharron Davies. Maggie Hobmann (née Kelly), from Nottingham, re-turns to New Zealand 15 years after competing at the 1974 Games at Christchurch. Since then, Hohmann has moved from sprint backstroke to sprint breaststroke as her main event. Reflecting the maturing of the sports, the Wigan pair, Suki Brownsdon and June Croft (a veteran of three Olympics), will

squads to compete in the event.

reinforce the women's team. also adorn the much smaller Scots and Welsh teams, with Paul Brew, of Scotland, and Tony Day, of Wales, the leading

medal hopes. In keeping with a British MEN 50m Francyle

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Moorhouse: men's captain

Gillingham, of Birmingham, will head the list of favourites for gold in the 100 metres and 200m breaststroke respectively.

Moorhouse, the Olympic champion at the sprint event, dominates the field with his limin 01.49sec world record hesitation at the start of the race proved fatal and Moorhouse

mate. Gillingham, who is a safer bet for gold at the 200m event, standing almost three seconds ahead of the closest contender, intense rivalry between the Australian and Canadian teams always comes to a head at the



andAuckland should be no

exception. Canada start in pole

position in five men's events, to

time. But he will have to avoid a repeat of his performance at last month's Europa Cup in Spain to be sure of victory. At that event, ad to settle for silver. His closest rival is his team-

Australia's four, excluding team Australia are set again to dominate the freestyle events. with the sprinter, Andrew Baildon, favourite for the blue

#### riband 100m event and the 50m. However, Mike Fibbens, of England, could take medals in both events if he stays true to In the distance events. Glen

trying to break the 15-minute Last month be broke the world record with 14min 54,4sec, only to see it taken away on the technicality that world records can only be ratified if the time is registered electronically, or if there are three manual times taken by officials.

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Kevin Boyd, the 6ft 8in Commonwealth Games, doctor from Tyneside, will need

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nanding on the rostrum for his

The Capadians, Mark Tewksbury and Gary Anderson, lead the backstroke rankings, followed closely by Paul Kingsman, of New Zealand. Gary Binfield, of England, who became the first Briton to break the two-minute barrier in the 200m event in a short-course pool (25m) last month, could present a serious threat.

One omission from the rankings list is John Davey, of England, whose impressive performance at the British national championships to November put him in a key position to challenge for titles in the 200m and 400m individual medley.

Sharron Davies will be looking to recapture the 200m individual medley title she won at the Games in 1978. Last year saw the Olympic silver medal winner prove her critics wrong by launching a successful comeback after eight years.

Davies is one of several British women who will take on punishing race schedules atAuckland. She will compete in the 100m freestyle and 200m backstroke as well as team races.

Caroline Woodcock, born in Swaziland and and swimming for England, is favourite for gold in the 50m freestyle. She will need to get back to her Commonwealth record time of ever. Brownsdon and Croft are strong medal contenders in the 100m and 200m breaststroke and 100m and 200m freestyle respectively.

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### Flight plan works well for Wizards

By Colin McQuillan

Nothing is going to stop Leekes The London aide won all five Welsh Wizards taking the rubbers against their visitors Pimm's Premiere Squash from Surbiton in just two hours League championship out of England for the first time, according to Robert Edwards, the team manager, who stretched his emergency budget by flying in his regular fifth string, Mark Maclean, to complete a 5-0 win over Embassy Edgbaston Priory at Cardiff. "This was our first com-prehensive league victory," Ed-

prehensive league victory," Edwards said. "Well worth the money to stay at the top of the table in style. We haven't broken out the champagne yet but the adrenalin is certainly

Maclean set out for Cardiff from his Edinburgh home by road early on Tuesday morning. but his sponsored car broke down after a half-hour. "He went back and sot another car from his sponsors, but that broke down too." Edwards said. "So I told him to get on the next internal flight to Cardiff and blow the expense."

Maclean was still in the air over Cardiff 25 minutes before the 6.30 registration deadline on Tuesday evening. "He ran in the door just as I was about to announce a team change to the "I just had time to chastise him for unprofessional organization before he went on

to beat Rob Shay 9-2, 9-2, 9-7 at

the start of our first league whitewash. I am too happy now to consider disciplinary action to stand the strain." The Cardiff result kept the Wizards three points ahead of UTC Cannons who also won 5-0 against Weir Systems Surrey in the shortest Pimm's match on

match before results of first rubbers eisewhere were logged. Paul Carter, the former national champion, who has been in-volved in some famous late night marathons at second / 6.
string, completed his quickest league victory by beating Jona-than Lilley 9-5, 9-6, 9-2 in 27

At Manchester, Village Leisure Hotels ended the hopes of the defending champions, Lambs Club with a 3-2 win, and were grateful for the strength at second string of Philip Whitlock who defeated Chris Walker 9-5. 4-9, 9-2, 9-0: Lambs are now 22 points off the league leadership and there are suggestions that Chris Dittmar, their first string, may not return from Australia

· Philip Whitlock is to seek legal advice after being dropped from the national ranking list for refusing to enter the unsponsored SRA championships at Newcastle.

Alison Cumings, the former England international who entered the national champion-ships but withdrew at the last minute, claiming she would have lost money travelling to Newcastle, has also been dropped from the rankings. She has also been fined £50.

RESULTS: Leakes Welsh Wizards 8, Embassy Edgbaston Priory 0; Village Leisure Hotels 3, Lambs Club 2; UTC Cannons 8, Weir Systems Surrey 0.

League positions: Leekes Weish Wizards 47pts: UTC Carnons 44: Village Leisure Hotels 41; GT Supertinge Abbortole 28; Lambs Cub 25; Alleports Machem 13; Embassy Edglesston Priory 12; Weir Systems Surrey 9.

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless mand PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE Sec division: Preston v York (7.0). **RUGBY UNION** HOSPITALS CUP: First round St. Barmolomen's v King's College (2.15). RUGBY LEAGUE SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Keighley Rochdele Hornels (7.30).

OTHER SPORT DARTS: World professional champion-ships (Frimley Green). SCUASH: Snauwaert Young Masters Invitation (East Grinstead). SNOCKER: Mercantile Credit Classic (Norbreck Castle, Blackpool). TABLE TEMBES: England v Crima (Gates-WOLLEYBALL: Women's international tournament (Gitlens, Manchester).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 810am, 2.15-4.15 and 7.30-9.30cm; Naslonal Footbell Languax AFC Play-offs, and
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FORD SNOW REPORT: Europort 9-9.05pm,
GYENASTICS: Eurosport 5-8pm: Highlights of the World Cap (Erst part) from
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6-6.30pm.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 11sm-mid-day and 9:30-11:30pm; Reviews of the 1959 World rally champlonable and 1959 Nascar season: Eurosport 10:30-10.45pm; 8-9, 10-10.15pm; and 12:15-12:30am (tumorrow): Highspors and update on the Paris-Dater rally.

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RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 8-7-30pm: Wigan v Bractord Northern.
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TENNIS: Eurosport 2-3pm: Best of The of Year: Highlights of Senchez Vicario v Francis Open, Parls.
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CHICKET: THE TCCB HAS SPENT £10,000 ON SPECIAL TRAINING FOR ENGLAND'S TOURING TEAMS TO WEST INDIES AND ZIMBABWE THIS WINTER

# England never more prepared

By Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent

g vicar who rode at Orford at archedeacon of Salishing to father to Orford 19 If England's looming camd his tather to Oxford in for sport and a deep desire by the River and something else in mind is paign in the Caribbean results in the sad and familiar story of shell-shocked submission, then at least no one can say they went unprepared. This Reverend David Shepard in and crickeler, was also an old was the promise of the team's new hierarchy some months ago and yesterday, when their training camp at Lilleshall was open to inspection, it was plainly a promise fulfilled.

shy of Sherborne School and the was running the Maybe Late tours, such as this y admits to being like a find winter's trips to the West Indies for the senior squad F in the concrete jungle of any in the concrete jungle of the it, but, working at a lavatory had while also being general the family centre as he waitely Oxford, he became a community. and Zimbabwe for the A team. afford an unusual opportunity for group preparation. Never before has the chance been so eagerly accepted. This week's programme at the National Sports Centre is the climax of a six-week spread of training at six centres around the

It has cost the Test and County Cricket Board more than £10,000 simply to get a. Since: said, as he closes on birrinday and his last sessor captain, what he will do be their players in shape but it is unarguably money well spent. One has to do no more than he years. He admits to a la look at them to appreciate their level of fitness. To talk to them, however, indicates that the benefits of their intensive schedule run far deeper than simple physical wellbeing. Already, even before the players pack their bags, they are acting and feeling like a team. n oath when he was a Ted Dexter, chairman of the

I thought you were going to be Tolchard said "Vicars and o use language like that" England committee, was himself at Lilleshall yesterday, nodding vigorously in agreement as his new captain, It is only when I drop a catching ally rested now." And he make Graham Gooch, extolled the virtues of the scheme. "In any chosen sport the players will train together before a major event so we are not doing with imran Khan, Tavare anything revolutionary," he pointed out. "But this week has given us an important chance to get to know each other far better than before."

A Mispira sport, to mouse sporting went yet with a see 18 to higher purpose Hedrens mentor at Essex and now f sport 21 his parish, refuser as A squad, added: "Taroughout my career I have believed that one wants to talk his busines if players get on well together stime for another pull and adds they will perform better for it.
the gardy just gone. Shoot That has been part of Essex's e wish to look beyond the enter I have been very imee wall gut of was his pintandgre here."

The enforced togetherness of the 31 players who make up the two sides has obvious advantages in simulating a



Tips from the top: Gooch and DeFreitas pay fall attention as Geoff Boycott punches home a point at the Lilleshall nets

shire may seem from their foreign destinations. In their £23-a-day billets at Lilleshall (remarkably cheap considering all meals and full use of the facilities are included) the chosen men have spent the days practising cricket and the evenings talking about it. Micky Stewart, the England

team manager and the organizational force behind the project, was anxious to play down the suggestion that he had made some sort of breakthrough. "I consider it to be a normal, common-sense procedure," he insisted.

Stewart is in his element during an operation such as this and he spoke enthusiastouring environment, far tically of some of its aims. though the green fields and wintry landscapes of Shrop-than it has ever been from our

Own county programme so, for instance, we have taken the strengths of each of our batsmen and worked on how they can best use them in a Test Fletcher continued the

theme. "Our county programme is so hectic and so mixed that even the best players will develop bad habits. They may not know it themselves and this sort of session pinpoints the flaws and irons them out."

If Fletcher himself is playing a part so too is an impressive collection of the country's finest coaches, including Geoff Arnold for the bowlers, Alan Knott for the wicketkeepers and Geoff Boycott for the batsmen.

surprised many who believed him jealously unwilling to share his store of experience. Boycott's response is that he had never previously been asked. Now that he has been recruited, however, his input is visibly immense. Mark Nicholas, captain of

the A team, enthuses: "He has been so good on the psychology of batting. In the nets he will whip up a bowier to fire the ball in shorter, really putting a batsman through the mill. But when it is over he will tell him that he has just achieved the equivalent of batting until lunch on the first day at Sabina Park."

Boycott has made use of the video facilities and spent full Boycott's participation has evenings dissecting a batsworld - anyway, until England start beating West Indies in a few weeks' time. Even after Sydney had warded his Australian team a ticker-tape reception, upon their return from England with the Ashes last September, Allan Border connselled restraint.

We got the ball rolling with a

From John Woodcock

In theory, the three-match Test

series between Australia and Pakistan, beginning here tomor-

row, should be closely fought

and genuinely entertaining. At stake is the right to be called the

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"We got the ball rolling with a good performance in England," he said. "If we can overcome Pukistan we shall deserve to be rated highly. But not before." What has happened since then has confirmed just how spineless England were: both New Zealand in one Test match and Sri Lanka in two, have given the Australians a much harder fight. Imran Khan, for his part, has long expressed a burning desire long expressed a burning desire to beat Australia in Australia. To do so would crown his brilliant career. It will be a long time before Pakistan can boast another like him - only Hafeez Kardar has ever come anywhere near to exerting a comparable authority over a Pakistan side and next month, as likely as not, Imran will call it a day. He is 37, and, if he does, Ms Benazir Bhutto will know better than to try and emulate the late General Zia by obliging him to change

Although hardly a week passes these days without bring-ing some sort of international ricket, it is six years since Pakistan played a Test match in Australia. Now that they have the chance of doing so again, it seems rather to have caught them on the hop. Imran is not quite the bowler he was and it looks very unlikely that Salim Malik, their best young bats-man, will arrive from Pakistan, where he has recently had his tonsils out, in time to play tomorrow. Ramiz Raja, another gifted batsman, is also out of action, the trouble in his case being a dislocated shoulder.

In the three weeks they have In the three weeks they have been here, Imran's side have shown no form whatever, and although that of itself does not necessarily mean very much (England had shown equally little before winning the first Test match in Brisbane three years ago) I am not sure that even at their best Pakistan would have the bowling to win this series on the pitches they may expect to be presented with. may expect to be presented with.
Against that, they have become
a difficult side to beat. Of their
last 27 Test matches they have

likely to thwart Imran's ambition Melbourne (AFP) - Abdui Qadir yesterday pulled out of the

**Batting power is** 

Qadit yesterday pulled out of the tour because he is out of form and has a damaged finger. "I wasn't bowling well, not to the standards I am famous for, quite apart from my injury," he said.

Qadir, aged 34, Pakistan's second-highest wicket taker in Test matches, was due to fly home today. His captain, Imran Khan, said it was pointless for Khan, said it was pointless for the wrist spinner to stay on because he would not be lit for the Tests. "From the team point of the view, it's not that big a blow," he said.

West Indies at Bridgetown in April 1988.

Australia, all the same, have to be favourites. They, too, were unbeaten in 1989, and unless Mushtaq Ahmed, a Qadir clone just summoned from Pakistan, is a surprise packet, there is no department in which Border's looks the weaker side. I have yet to be convinced that they bowl particularly well (except for Alderman in England), but they are full of confidence, as keen as mustard, and by any standards, contemporary or otherwise, they have developed an authentically strong batting line-

can five of a country's first six batsmen have had such success as Taylor, Jones, Boon, Wagel as Taylor, Jones, Boon, Waugh and Border did last year. Taylor scored 1.219 Test runs at an average of 64.16, Jones 1,099 at 73.27, Waugh 865 at 86.50, Boon 957 at 59.81 and Border 818 at 68.17. In 10 of their last, 11 Test matches they have made II Test matches they have made totals of over 400, seven of them over 500. Even Marsh, the odd man out, shared in an opening stand of 329 against England at Trent Bridge. What is more, they make their runs well — with lightish bats and a proper regard for the textbook.

What may be causing most concern in Australian cricket at the moment are the attendance figures. The three Test matches against New Zealand and Sri Lanka, at Perth, Brisbane and Hobart, attracted a total of 73,337 customers, a daily av-

erage of 4,889. This although Australia's do-ings in England last summer gave the game here such a welcome boost. If they stay away from tomorrow's match as well, Melbourne's claims as "the greatest sporting city in the world" will not look so good. ● ADELAIDE: Nisal Sens ratne, manager of the Sri Lanka touring team, yesterday exon-erated Aravinda de Silva follow-ing after the clash with Rod Tucker, the Tasmanian bowler. The Sri Lankans start a two-day match against the Australian Cricket Academy here today.

#### Second chance to be on the line

are available to readers of The Times. This year we are teaming op with Unisys Computers to offer 12 places for runners with worthwhile causes to support.

Those among the 76,000 applicants for whom places could not be found in the world's biggest marathon on April 22 will have received letters of rejection by now. This announcement offers them another chance to be on the start

We are looking for fundrunners who have a particular cause at heart and who are not among the 34,000 — compared with some 32,000 in the previou London Marathon - assured of

In conjunction with Unisys. the conjunction with Unitys, which provides the complete computing facilities for the build-up, running and results of the race, we have secured 12 positions on the start line. These will go to the people who convince the judges that their causes are the most worthy of The Times/Unitys London Marathon Appeal.

Marathon Appeal.

The marathon is to be sponsored for the second year by ADT, which is keen to maintain the fund-raising side of the event as well as provide an attractive elite race. The two official charities nominated by ADT are the Community Action Trust (CAT) and Reach for the Sky, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund's Battle of Britain Appeal. CAT is the charity behind the "Crimestoppers" initiative. which, since its launch in Janu ary 1988, has been responsible

### THE SECTIMES UNISYS Marathon Appeal

leading to the clearing of 3,500 crimes and the recovery of £2.7 million of stolen goods.

The Reach for the Sky appeal

aims to raise £20 million in 1990 to help the fund care for the courageous men and women who served in the RAF from the Second World War to the present, and who now need belp. This is the tenth anniversary of the London Marathan and the race director, Chris Brasher, is attempting to see that most of the champions of the decade

We welcome applications We welcome applications from runners supporting not only national and local charities but local projects and individual adventures too. Last year our causes ranged from Dr Barnardo's to Save the Rhino. All causes will be considered.

A personal computer system will be presented by Unkys to the top fund-raiser from our 12, to be donated to the cause supported. A crate of chambers will be the representation of the cause supported. personal reward. There will be prizes of a jeroboam of cham-pagne for the second highest fund-raiser and a magnum of champagne for the third.

All you have to do is explain, in not more than 200 words, why you and the campaign you support deserve one of The Times/Unisys places in the ADT London Marathon. Your letter must also note the full address of your chosen charity, or other beneficiary of your effort, your name, address and day-time telephone number, date of birth, experience of distance running and willingness to run in the marathon.

Times/Unisys London Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, The Times, Pennington Street, London E1 9XN, to arrive not later than January 13. Entries will be examined by a panel of indges including Tom Clarke, Sports Editor of *The* Clarke, Sports Editor of The Times, Martin Sexton, Unisys Director of Company Commun-ications, and David Powell, Athletics Correspondent of The

From the entries they will select a shortlist of people who will be checked for their suitabilities of shair chosen campaign. ity of their chosen campaign. When the short-list has been examined, we will publish the names of the 12 winners and their causes. Each will be fea-tured in *The Times*. The judges'

RUGBY LEAGUE

#### St Helens at mercy of committee

St Helens seem likely to have with only 15 fit players, and there will be a crucial meeting of the disciplinary committee at Leeds tonight which could deny

Shane Cooper could face his second long ban of the season if he is found guilty by the committee. The New Zealander. who took over as temporary player-coach last week when Alex Murphy and Saints parted company, was sent off for tripping against Leigh last Sun-day. Also appearing before the committee on a charge of trip-

Joe Lydon, the international full back, and lan Lucas, the forward, are in doubt for Wigan against Halifax in Saturday's Regal Trophy final at Headingley, but Shaun Edwards and Andy Gregory, the Great Britain half back pairing, are expected to play.

### SPORTS LETTERS

#### Aspects of change to take sport into the 1990s A leap into the Rates threat to voluntary clubs Memories of

the London Sports Medicine Institute Sir, In the last of their articles "Sport and Us" (January 5), Sebastian Coe and Daley

Thompson articulated thought-fully and dispessionately their hopes for the 1990s. I suspect the inside sport would dissent from their analysis. May I add my voice in support of their powerful pies for improvements in medical belp and at the same time assure these distinguished athletes and others that "there is ght at the end of the tunnel". Having operated in the inter-national arena, albeit as a rugby

referee, and having spent many years in sports administration, inter alia as chairman of Lileshall NSC, where I belped the FA set up its rehabilitation unit, I am sympathetic to the field of sports medicine. It was for this reason that I was persuaded, on leaving the Badminton Association of England, to become general secretary of the London Sports Medicine the being dropped and Institute. Here, under the energetic and sympathetic chair-manship of Mrs Mary Glen Haig—amember of the IOC—a council, comprising extremely cal profession and of sport, sims to make the LSMI the catalyst

and who seemed at the best she would be seemed at the best she The state of the s for some of the changes for which these two sports super-Set up three years ago with a grant from the GLC, the LSMI REGULTS CONTROL TO THE STATE OF securely based in the Medical College of St Bartholomew's hospital—tas become a unique Leading 2011 on a constitution of the constitu only in London but also within the UK, forging in the process useful links with the national and international sporting and dical communities. Its dayto-day work and research pro-Dan Tunstall Pedoe, the medi-ELFR-SUCRT MENU EUROPO LE cal director of the London Marathon. The institute has its own reference library, a physio-logical testing and teaching lab-

oratory, seminar rooms and a clinical examination room. STREET LANGUE FIRST BETTER STREET STR series of lectures, open to all, are part of the training of Series of lectures, open to all are part of the training of groups of doctors who attend the mistinte in preparation for Society of Apothecaries diploma in sports medicine. Similar teaching is being made available for physiotherapists and dieticians. A computerized database of sports medicine publications, and an extensive collection of sports medicine journal is also published.

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In conjunction with the British Association of Sports Medical Section 1.

what Seb Coe demands - the preparation of a network and register of specialists "into which all levels of sporting talent and their coaches and doctors can plug themselves and get the best and the appropriate help when it is needed."

In three short years the LSMI has proved the validity and the medicine institute. It is our aim. in the closest consultation with the Sports Council, the BOA, parties, including major govern-ing bodies of sport, to translate into a national sports medicine institute serving the entire country. The GLC grant will not last for ever and soon I this London-orientated body appealing — again to quote Coe
— "to public and private
sources" for financial support to assist in mounting this project. The LSMI recognizes, like Coe and Thompson, that its work has and will result in "improvements of standards and know-ledge". The future benefits to sport from a national body, properly funded, will indeed be

of the greatest significance. Yours sincerely, General Secretary.

London Sports Medicine c/o Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital Charterhouse Square, EC1

From Mr E. J. Creek.
Sir. Whilst reading the Sport
and Us article "A Cavalier Age in Need of a Puritan Ethic" by Sebastian Coe (January 4), the thought occurred to me that perhaps the pendulum is, at last, beginning to swing back to that of the days where fair play was in vogue, when the spirit of these earlier Corinthian Casuals was abroad in the air, when the great F. N. S. (Norman) Creek was the accepted authority on our national game (apologies to

When I was a teacher (I am retired) I tried to instil the idea of "Playing the Game" into my young charges. Other influence however, worked against that principle. Is it possible that how you play the game" becoming important again? Yours sincerely,

J. CREEK 24 Jersey Gardens, Wickford, Essex.

From Mr Andrew Sceats Sir, Sebastian Coe feels he and Daley Thompson are "old warriors" trying to set the sporting world to rights (January 3 to 5). The Times obviously does not consider them has-beens, as it has allocated so much space to their opinions. I hope they appreciate their privilege, as many great competitors from many other sports would give their eye-teeth for such

In days gone by, sportsn and women remained largely silent, and let their sporting achievements speak for them-selves. The media used to encourage their dignified reti-cence. Some of Mr Coe's comments made me wish that this were still so. He dismisses snooker and

From Mr Anthony Sabiston and Mr Philip England following, and their high skill levels. The government ev-idently shares his view, and the result is the situation in which our top chess players, despite exemplary international suc-cesses, fail to gain grants even for travel to major tournaments, because they fail to fit into accepted categories of grantaided sports. I cannot help remembering the perulant protestations about

never wearing a British vest again which followed Mr Coe's failure to gain Olympic selection in 1988. Many of us in this country waited in vain for the head-to-head race between our great middle-distance runners of the 1980s which never hap-Games, until it was too late to be Judging by the speed with

which a heavily-funded race between Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis is being mooted, just as a Lewis is being mooted, just as a post-1984 race-off between Mary Slaney and Zola Budd was organized for similarly inflated fees, money definitely rules in athletics. Mr Coe criticizes the ethic of winning at all costs. He criticizes drug-taking, but makes no mention of the ethics of taking legal pain-killing drugs in order to compete, as one British order to compete, as one British silver medal-winning athlete did

Competitors in all top-level sports have always wanted to win, and considered second place nowhere. Television and rich financial rewards have sports privileged by media coverage and consequent bottomless sponsorship. Is Mr Coe really separate from these motivations, or has he been more than slightly dishonest in

his writings?

The Times should now give adequate space for the opinions of competitors in less highly marketed (and therefore marketable) sports. Possible contributors would certainly include any of the disabled sports competitors, and Mike Mc-Intyre and Brya Vaile, whose achievement in winning Britain's first Olympic gold medal ever for Star class yachting was completely drowned, mediawise, by the more "newsworthy" story of Ben Johnson's disgrace. It is high time that the sporting Press got their priorities right.

Yours faithfully ANDREW SCEATS. 62 Lulworth Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex.

From Mr R. G. Dawson Sir, Thank you for your series of articles on sport in the 1990s. David Miller's (January 2) ought to be compulsory reading for chairmen, managers, promoters, agents and all those other people in sport today whose interest is mainly financial Schastian Coe's (January 4) might bring a ray of hope to the secretaries of the thousan real amateur clubs, and to the cames masters of those schools that still manage to play team

Yours faithfully.

R. G. DAWSON,

Bickley, Kent.

15 Brookmend Avenue,

Sir, As a couple of interested, retired Kiwi sportsmen, we are somewhat confused as to the source of information that Sebastian Coe and Daley Thompson used for their article "A cavalier age in need of a puritan ethic" (January 4). Of grave concern to us is the ference to Andy Haden, one of

New Zealand's greatest lock forwards, and his acting ability in removing himself unaided from a lineout as a "low spot" of the Eighties. This event, which secured the all-important match-winning penalty, kicked by Brian McKechnie, to the best of our knowledge occurred dur-ing the magnificent grand slam tour of the All Blacks in 1978. While it is acknowledged that this event was one of poor sportsmanship, surely one of the most disreputable "low spots" of sport in the 1980s, not mentioned in the mentioned in the article, also involved Brian McKechnie. This occurred in the New Zealand 1980-81 cricket season in a one-day international between Australia and New Zealand. To prevent New Zealand winning the match by hitting a six off the last ball of the match, a most unlikely prospect in any event, Trevor Chappell was instructed by his brother Greg to bowl the

final ball underarm. A truly "low spot" for cricket in the In conclusion, we offer one final comment and that is our surprise of Messrs Coe and Thompson's choice of sportsmen of the decade in the previous day's article. Again, to the best of our knowledge, Muhammed Ali fought only one fight in the Eighties, against the formidable Larry Holmes. And

the result - he lost! ANTHONY SABISTON PHILIP ENGLAND, 82 Ringfield Road, SW18. From Mr B. Winstanley ian Coe recalls as one of his "bleak images" (January 4), Andy Haden's infamous dive at Cardiff Arms Park. I believ he is wrong in his assertion that this action gained a penalty which gave the All Blacks a

As I recall, the referee penalized the Welsh lock, Geoff Wheel, for jumping off the shoulder of his opposite, Frank Oliver, at the same lincout. Haden's drive was either unnoticed or ignored by the referce and certainly had no influence on the result.
Yours faithfully

B. WINSTANLEY, Personal touch From Mr Adrjan Koclowski

Sir, Possible remark to overheard on the cricket field this year, from any captain to his fielder: "The batsperson has noticed you're in no person's land. Will you please stay in your position at third person." Yours sincerely, ADRIAN KOZLOWSKI,

Charles Burton

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Sir, Since January 1 there has been massive coverage in the Press and other media concerning the effects of the revaluation of non-domestic properties on business premises such as shops, offices and industrial premises All the foregoing have the facility to pass on any increase to the consumer if they so wish. Since the new rates were announced on January 2, noth-ing has been reported of the

man's technique on film. He

and Gooch, never personally

close when they opened to-gether for England, have now come noticeably together for the good of the team. The captain says: "Geoff has been very constructive. He has so

much to offer and I hope he

will continue to help for some

things seem possible, even defeating the West Indies on

their own patch. The ragtag outfit thrashed by Australia last summer has had a thor-

ough overhaul and a refit of

lost confidence. It may not

alter the outcome when the

month but, at the very least, it

might sustain spirit a little

So, for the moment, all

time to come."

plight of a group of organizations which has been press-ganged into the realms of "business properties" without operating as businesses, in that there are no profits to distribute. with the ramifications of the new valuations compiled by the Inland Revenue and the com-plicated calculations of the transitional phasing arrange-ments of the new rating system for the next few years, followed by the prospect of ever increasing rate demands to a fantastic

I refer, of course, to the many hundreds of thousands of vo untary organizations of which sports clubs form a major part which now have to pay the same Uniform Business Rate as businesses both large and small, without the same facility to hive off any increase which will occur in the future. These organizations ar already operating at marginal levels of finance due to the increasing fiscal and financial demands in the present economic turmoil of the

Such clubs and organizations cannot raise their prices for the service they give to the community. They provide facilities and amenities which are not gen-erally provided by local authorities in sufficient quantity to cope with the demand. Increases in subscriptions only result in diminishing returns so far as membership is concerned. Most clubs are already operating at marginal levels of finance and are on the verge of bankruptcy. This new situation could well be

the last straw. 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, together with its accompanying regulations which offer financial inducements to local authorities, has attempted to cushion the blow to voluntary organizations by "encouraging" local authorities to adopt discretionary rate re-lief, which non-profitmaking ntary organizations are entitled to claim under the act.

However, most local authorities throughout the country have, so far, refused to do so. Conneils of all political persuasions have consistently refused so it is a matter which crosses litical boundaries. Authorities have varying opinions and schemes, but most councils refuse any rate relief

whatsoever.
By refusing to operate a system of mandatory relief, which was advocated by all the national sporting bodies and voluntary organizations in the before the act was ossed, the Government threw the voluntary organizations to

This has developed into a situation which has squeezed sports clubs and similar organizations between the poltical and economic neces of Government towards the business world and the bureau-cratic activities of local governbe persuaded to introduce a scheme of relief. If local councils of all political

persuasions do not look sympathetically at this matter then sports clubs and similar community groups will suffer as a result. The effects of the current revaluation will be felt in the

voluntary sector long after the transitional phasing arrange-ments of the UBR have ceased to have any influence. Most especially by those clubs in local authorities which persist in denying non-profit-making organizations their rights of relief from rates under the 1988

The immediate problem arises from the revaluation of all non-domestic properties by the Inland Revenue, many of which will be crippling for the clubs concerned. The problem in the future will be when the Government increases the rate in the pound beyond the low level which it has now announced, of 34.8p for England and 36.4p for Wales. Levels which have been set to pacify the business world for the moment.

Some examples of increases in rateable values from my own part of the country are as follows:

One small angling club is rated for fishing rights on the pond it owns: the revaluation has increased its rateable value 35 times, from £10 to £350. Similarly, a non-profit-making bowls and football club has been increased from £400 to £4,350.

• A rugby union club has been set at £16,000 from a previous level of less than £2,000, and a golf club has been increased from £3 800 to £31,800. No doubt, clubs and organizations in the south east

have suffered far more drastic increises. There appears to be no set

pattern of increase as organizations following similar sports and pastimes have received widely differing levels of increase regardless of area property values.

From inspection of the rating

list there will be gainers and losers, both of whose gains and losses will be reduced by transitional phasing. In the long run they will all be losers. The only hope for community-based, voluntary, non-profit-making organizations to

continue to provide a service to the educational, cultural and recreational life of the country is for local councillors to exercise their discretion favourably when they consider cases for the terms of the 1988 act. Yours faithfully, E. T. CRUTCHLEY.

Sportshelp, 85 Pennine Road, Woodley, Stockport, Cheshire,

From Mr John H. McArdle Sir, I must be one among very many who read your notice of the death of Charles Burton (January 2) and remembered him with affection and gratitude for the service he offered with his Public Schools Wanderers teams to the unattached rugbyplaying servicemen passing through London or, as the war was running down, seconded to the services ministries in the

Everyone was sure of a welcome under Charles Burton's wing and the near coarse performer enjoyed the memorable experience of taking the field alongside players of national and subsequently international

Add to this the social package that went with Charles - the Saturday night steaks at 57 Ferrer Lane and the interchange with Mooney's Bar next door, the carol singing in Gypsy Hill and the damp introduction of colonials to The Muffin Man and, for the stranded, shelter

This is not something those of us felt from those days will forget and we and hundreds of players who played sub-sequently for the Wanderers honour and respect the memory of Charles Burton. JOHN H. McARDLE, Laylands, Holkham Road, Wells next the Sea, Norfolk.

Waxing lyrical

From Mr D. J. W. Bridge Sir, Whilst reluctant to point top-class sportsmen in the direction of yet another whim of dress, manner and style particularly top class cricketer -I must nevertheless correct Mr G Dodds (Sports Letters, January 4) concerning the business of moustaches and the ladies. What Kipling wrote was: "Being kissed by a man who didn't wax his moustache was - like eating an egg without salt". (He also wrote about "flannelled fools at the wicket" - but that is quite another matter). Yours faithfully DEREK BRIDGE

Sherbourne, Dorsel Left with guidance From Mr Norman de Mesquita Sir, In answer to Mr Hennessy (Sports Letters, January 4), the reason for the preponderance of

Long Acre,

Tinney's Lane

left-hand shots in ice hockey is purely technical. As in cricket, if a batsman is playing correctly, the top hand is in ice bockey, the top hand is the crucial one and a right-handed person will shoot left.

The only thing I have ever done left-handed is hold an ice hockey stick. Yours faithfully NORMAN DE MESOUITAL

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By Keith Mocklin

serious selection problems for their Silk Cut Challenge Cup Castleford at Knowsley Road on Sunday. Injuries leave them them two key players.

ping in the same match will be Les Quirk, the wing. Jonathan Griffiths is to have a

groin operation tomorrow.

SPORT

# England map out a lengthy preparation Macdonald for the World Cup

details of an 18-month be expected to follow a work programme related to their physical and mental state.

Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, who discussed the plans with the players who formed the training camp in Lanzarote last weekend. emphasized the intense nature of the programme and the additional pressure of being on tour while at home which none of the players have yet experienced.

He stressed that the plans were conditional upon England playing well in the competition, but that, broadly, they encompassed five elements: physical and mental conditioning, positional skills, team development, and the structure the administration.

"Eighteen months is an ideal macro-cycle so that the players arrive in October 1991 at a peak they have never previously achieved," Cooke

The programme will start in May and will be phased over the following 18 months, taking in the representative commitments during that period. These include the July

### to respect referees

By David Hands

Players and coaches throughout England are to be reminded of the duty they owe to referees. In the wake of two incidents at Llanelli and Neath during the recent New Zealand tour when recent New Zealand tour, when match officials were jostled and, in one case, kicked as they were leaving the field, the Rugby Football Union has written to every club about the attitude

"Referees have become rather sensitive about what has hap-pened in society in general, and rugby union in particular," Don Rutherford, the RFU technical dministrator, said yesterday. "The letter is to remind coaches

and players that the referee is there to enjoy his 80 minutes and expects to be looked after by the club he is visiting.

"It is sometimes disturbing to hear, particularly after league atches, that no one wants to talk to the referee. The referee is coaches and players would do concentrate on skills, ensure their teams know the laws and perform to their optimum

Rutherford said he was horrified" by the crowd's behaviour when Neath played the All Blacks and the RFU tter points out that: "slating of deriding referees at any time is same but, at a time where there s a serious shortage of recruits into refereeing, it is nothing short of stupidity."

The England women's team,

performing above expectations, stimulated a major row on the second day of the NEC grand prix international tournament

at the G-Mex centre in

Having been given the hon-our of playing in the tournament against four of the world's

leading nations, England "abused" the privilege by win-ning the first set of their match

against the mighty Cubans yes-terday 15-12 in what was one of

they had been allocated. Expect-

ing an easy straight sets victory for the Cubans, the organizers had not catered for the match

going beyond the hour.

At the end of the third set —
the Cubans had come back in

typically explosive fashion to lead 12-15, 15-0, 15-1 — there

were some extraordinary scenes. Amid some confusion, the organizers allowed the Canadian

squad to commandeer the court

which they had been allocated

and England's fixture with Cuba

Paul Moss, the team manager.

summed up the frustration in the England camp: "We have

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That was all the court time

their finest hours on court.

England yesterday announced tour to Argentina, home games against the Barbarians preparation for the 1991 and Argentina, the 1991 five World Cup, during which a squad of about 45 players will another game after that, possibly against the Spanish.

The last phase of the preparations will start on August 10 next year," Cooke said. "The teams assemble for the World Cup on September 27 and we have to consider how to get practice games in before we face New Zealand on October 3.

"Although we must clarify what the regulations allow, we believe the last date upon which we can play any kind of international side will be September 7, and we would also look at some form of domestic opponents after that before facing the All Blacks."
The Rugby Football Union

is seeking an appropriate training camp outside London, probably on the South Coast, where the squad will stay, moving into London the day before their qualifying games at Twickenham.

In those matches England will take on New Zealand, European zone qualifiers on October 8, and American zone qualifiers on October 11. Victory in all three games would avoid a quarter-final against France, although they would

Cooke has consulted David Whittaker, the coach to the Great Britain hockey squad, about preparations for a world tournament, and is considering an improved psychological approach.

"We have to give more attention to the mental preparation. Internationals are so different from club games and we don't offer players a lot of help at the nt. The World Cup will be a level of intensity none of them have experienced before, not even those who played in

There will be positional skills clinics during the com-ing summer which will also involve younger players, some of whom may be involved in the two under-21 fixtures at the end of this season against the Netherlands in Leiden on April 29 and the French Armed Forces under-21s on May 12 at a French venue to be decided.

The senior clubs in England will be made aware of the World Cup plans, which will remove their best players, and the RFU competitions sub-committee, which meets today, will decide what reorganization of the league programme is necessary in the

### Clubs told Cornwall drawn to repeat April glory

The draw for the semi-finals of the Toshiba county championship opens up the possibility of another splendid north-south of another splendid north-south encounter such as that enjoyed at Twickenham last year. Corn-wall, the beaten finalists in 1989, will play either Middlesex or Hampshire at Redruth on March 3, while Lancashire entertain Warwickshire at a

venue to be confirmed. in terms of promotion of the county game, Sandy Sanders, the president of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), who made the draw at Twickenham, could not have contrived better-The fourth semi-finalist will be decided on January 31 when Middlesex and Hampshire play off for the championship of the

Last April Cornwall brought some 20,000 followers to Twickenham for the final and, though they were disappointed to see their county lose to Durham, they ensured one of the most

The Australian international forward, Troy Coker, is one of two nominations for the cap-taincy of Oxford University this year (Peter Bills writes).

Coker and his fellow-Dark Coker and nig tellow-park
Blue forward, Mark Egan, will
contest the lendership election
on Monday. If Coker wins, he
will succeed another Australian,
Brian Smith, who led Oxford
against Cambridge last month.

Smith was nominated by two

been treated as second-class citizens. But if we can start to

take sets off the likes of Cuba

then things might be different in the future. This was one of our great achievements and it has

Paul Westhead, the coach,

pulled the England team out of the match against Canada which

was due to go on court immediately after the Cuban

However, in a hastily con-vened team meeting the Eng-

land players voted unanimously

to play the match, but Canada

ran out convincing winners 15-4. 15-5, 15-4. "The players were

not keyed up for the match the same way as they were for the Cubans," Moss said.

The organizers tried to re-

deem themselves with the only loophole available last night and

George Bulman, the national director of the English Volley-

ball Association, explained:
"The match will go down as a

best of three sets affair with Cuba winning 2-1 and the result will be officially part of the

RESULTS: England 1, Cuba 2 (12-15, 15-0, 15-1) England 0, Canada 3 (4-15, 5-15, 4-15).

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VOLLEYBALL

**England women turn** 

show upside-down

By Roddy Mackenzie

retary, had hoped for: a home draw against representatives of possibly the weakest of the county groups.
Sanders will lead an RFU

team on a tour of the four divisions later this month to clarify queries concerning the union's competitive structure.
He, Dudley Wood, the RFU
secretary, Geoff Cooke, the
England team manager, and Bill
Bishop, the chairman of the RFU competitions sub-com-RFU competitions sub-committee, will hold meetings at Leicester (January 22), Morley (January 26), Twickenham (January 29) and Exerer (February 6), which have provoked the cancellation of a meeting of constituent-body representatives at Barkers Butts next

The bone of contention re-mains the status of the county championship, which next season will be played under a league they ensured one of the most colourful of representative days.

Now Cornwall have exactly warwickshire tamoshire w what Vic Phillips, their sec- Matches to be played on March 3.

#### Coker wins nomination

tion. He felt torn between commitments in Irish rogby and the University last term and says: "Now I want to con-centrate on my studies and International career."

After helping his side win the Irish trial last weekend and assist in four tries, Smith does not hide his disappointment at being dropped from the Irish side to meet England at Twickenham on Saturday week.

Warren King scratched a seven-

rear itch yesterday. The Austra-lian, aged 34, reached his first

ranking tournament semi-final after seven years on the gruelling

British circuit, but needed a further 4½ hours before finally

disposing of the tenacious Welshman, Steve Newbury, in

the Mercantile Credit Classic in

Pretty it was not, but the mantie of pressure that normally falls upon the shoulders of

the top-ranked players at this stage has been assumed by the lesser lights, such as King, who

together disposed of 12 of the top 16 seeds during the opening

two rounds last week.
With so much at stake, it was

therefore no surprise that every frame was played as if pounds of

the fading gunslinger, spurs jingling down Main Street as he

wonders what the showdown

At least he looks lean and

mean and clear-eyed, as belits a

man venturing into the Wild

West after two months' rest and

recuperation, the lone European

His first salvo has also been

impressive. On Tuesday, he won a shoot-out in a chip-off at

the last hole against none other than Paul Azinger, winner of last week's Tournament of Champions, the first event of

Lyle won \$3,000, a mere

bugatelle compared to the \$162,000 first prize, but it could

confidence of a man, whose well-documented slump last

interloper in an American

will bring.

Stronehold

Blackpool.

### **Scots put** trust in at No. 8

drew 22-22 with Ireland a month ago at Marrayfield for their match with France B at Oyonnax on January 21. Four players will be making their first appearance for the team and Munro returns to the side after nearance for the team and missing the Irish game through

sial selection is that of the Cambridge University student, Macdonald, who comes in at No. 8 in place of Leckie. Bob Munro, the chairman of the Scotland selectors, said: "We are aware that Andy has played mainly as a lock but we know he has also appeared at No. 8. We realize the benefits of a tall No. 8. Essentially, we are looking to the future and are prepared to have a go with

At 6ft 8in, Macdonald, who comes from Naim and went to the nearby Gordonstoun School, should be an asset to the B side, but whether he can adapt quickly enough to the No. 8 position is the unknown factor. He played for Scotland Under-21 and while in that age group occasionally appeared at No. 8. Elsewhere in the pack, Cor-

Elsewhere in the pack, Corcoran wins his first B cap at the expense of McKenzie, who played well in the B match against Ireland and in the district championship for Glasgow. In the second row, Weir drops out to accommodate Munro, who has resumed playing after a lengthy period out with a shoulder injury.

Among the backs, Rouse, of Dundee High School FP, is one of two new caps. He displaces

of two new caps. He displaces Jardine. In last Saturday's trial, be injured his ankle but says he will be fully fit for Sunday's

training.

Like Rouse, Breckenridge spent some time in New Zealand, where he was converted to stand-off half after playing at

full back.
TEAM D Bernet (Next of Scots-II); A Moore (Edinburgh Acude). P Rouse (Dureus HS FP), B Edwards (Boroughmuir), 8 Forter (Manchet) C Berckerridge (Glasgow High/Kenerside), D Skysses (Gala); G Graham (String County), 1 Corcoras (Gala), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), J Richardson (Edinburgh Acade), S Museo

### its stance on amateur rules

The Rugby Football Union's (RFU) full committee will consider at its meeting on January 19 its response to the Inter-national Rugby Football Board's (IRFB) proposals on oosening the amateur regula tions (David Hands writes). The body's views are required by the IRFB by February 5 for processing before the board's amateurism sub-committee meets in Dudley Wood, the RFU sec-

retary, stressed yesterday that the IRFB had issued a discussion paper, embodying re-plies to an earlier questionnaire, rather than its own recommendations. "It contains very far-reaching proposals, contrary to many of the views I have expressed, and a personal view is that they would not be put into practice in their present form," Wood said.

"I can't anticipate the view the RFU will take but Sir Ewart Bell (the IRFB amateurism committee chairman) has made a commendable endeavour to bring the debate into the open," he added.

SNOOKER

King wins on a tickled pink

flesh rather than pounds sterling

depended upon it and even at

the very climax, King, ranked 55th in the world, said: "I did

my best to snatch defeat from

Having lost leads of 2-0 and 3-2, the final frame proved the most harrowing for King and also the most interesting. He led

Newbury, ranked nineteenth, recovered to 43-22 behind but

The best chances having gone,

The best chances having gone, the frame eventually hinged on whether Newbury could gain a snooker on the pink and when King was presented with the prospect of the pink in the jaws of the middle pocket and the white behind the black, a decid-

He wondered if he would ever again shoot it out with the best of them or would he always be

beaten to the draw, his trigger-

inger twitching and his eye and

Tuesday provided a partial answer. Today, when he plays his first round over the Tour-nament Players' Club at Star

Pass, and tomorrow, when he

plays his second round over the less testing course at Randolph

North, will reveal if he has truly

rediscovered the player who

won the Open in 1985 and the

Whatever happens this week,

at least Lyle can be thankful that

he is only a golfer and unlikely to suffer the terminal fate of

worn-out gunslingers, even in

US Masters in 1988.

his nerve gone?

the jaws of victory."

missed a long red.

GOLF

Lean and mean Lyle in

town for showdown

From Patricia Davies, Tucson, Arizona

It is difficult not to picture
Sandy Lyle's arrival for today's
Tucson Open as the return of
seeker-after-cures.

be an invaluable boost to the confidence of a man, whose call the worst hell hole in the



Civil Service's triple power

By Michael Austin

The Civil Service beat the Army, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force last season for first time in a decade, an achievement they could repeat on yesterday's show of power at

Grinding forward pressure, with the shrewd placement of rolling punts by McAleese, the Ballymena stand-off half, of-fered the essence of the Civil Service effort.

A wholesome match contested in a capricious, chilling wind, produced seven tries, four of them for the Civil Service and none more deserved than that by Knight, Bath's reserve scrum haif, after a double ricochet of a leick ahead. Knight dislocated his left thumb in the first half, returned

pluckily after treatment, and proceeded to have the game's most fascinating personal fussle with Worrall, whose kicking talents do not diminish with the The RAF led 13-7 with wind

advantage before struggling increasingly in the scrums and failing to quell the Civil Service back row. Mapletoft and Drummond forged an almost tele-pathic link with Knight.

Three RAF wings, including Crossland, a replacement for the impressive Whitecross, scored tries. Blain poached the first after Miller charged down Knight's intended clearance, Whitecrose chased Worrall's tentalizing blind-side kick for the second, and Crossland ran

#### RFU prepares Ambitious Neath open valley youth academy

By Owen Jenkins

Neath are to establish a "school of excellence" in rugby at the Gaoil to encourage local young people to play the game and develop their skills. Sponsorship of £10,000 from the Open Cast Executive means that the scheme, which will be launched officially next Thursday, can go ahead. There will be three age under 11.

Ron Waldron, the Neath manager, said: "We have to become more community conbecome more community con-scious and our aim is to get more young people to play and be involved with the game. We won't just pick the best, every-one can participate. Most of them play in teams already so this is about invidividual coaching and skill development. We will give them the opportunity to gain the right expertise and a greater knowledge of what's required to become a better rugby player."

The scheme has been in the pipeline for the past two sea-

But the former bookies' runner managed to tickle the pink
without going in-off and lived to
fight another day — tomorrow,
to be precise, against either
Silvino Francisco or Dean

King's guaranteed winnings, £18,000, are almost £4,000 more

than he won all last season, at the end of which his wife, Leanne, had to talk him out of

retiring from the game and returning to his native Sydney.

SEC. 15: County from (England unless stated): W King (Aus) bt 5 Newbury (Wat). 5-3 To make a bale result. Fish result is longer (Wat) bt 6 Withdrawn. 5-2. TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: 12 noon; \$ Davis v B Morgan. 7-15pm; \$ James v Withdrawn.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Oilers' coach

can tap well

of experience

Jack Pardee takes excellent qualifications to his new post as coach of the Houston Oilers, a

National Football League (NFL) club that is just a good bounce of the ball away from being a Super

Bowl contender (Robert Kirley

Over the last three seasons, Parder led the Houston Univer-

Pardee led the Houston University Congars from a mire of standal to national glory. This past season, the Congars became the most prolific team in National Collegiate Athletic Association history, and their quarterback. Andre Ware, won the Heisman Trophy, which is presentled annually to the leading college player.

ing college player.

Pardee, who has coached for nine seasons at professional

level, has been made coach of the year with every professional club he has led. He will doubt-

less build on an Oilers offense

that features the passing and

"What a nightmare that was,"

sons. Waldron added: "We will be co-operating with the people that are already involved with these youngsters. It's still very much in the planning stage but the sponsorship has enabled us to push ahead. They'll be three training sessions a week throughout the season and during the school holidays. The fruits of our labour will be the number of young people that will come alone.

• Phil Davies, the Llanelli captain, has ruled himself out of the game at Neath on Saturday. Davies has not fully recovered from a calf muscle injury on New Year's Day and which forced him to miss Wales's training camp in Portugal.

Davies said: "It's just not ready yet and if I would have played, there was a possibility of it breaking down again. It's better to give it another four or five days to make sure it's right for the international against France and the cup match at

50 yards for the other from a move launched by Worrall's 20-yard pass on his own line.

RACING

Sudden

Victory

16-1 for

Newbury

By Paul Wheeler The unlikely spectacle of a

The unlikely speciacie of a Plampton winner owned by Robert Sangster and trained by Barry Hills became a reality at Plampton yesterday when Sudden Victory won the second division of the Crowborough Navione Hamiltonian

Novices Hurdle.
Settled in mid-division for the

Settled in mid-division for the first mile, the six-year-old gelding made smooth headway, drawing away from Regal Lake to win by 2½ lengths in the style of a 6-4 on favourite, in the hands of Kevin Mooney.

Hills, at home in hed with flu.

Hills, at home in bed with flu,

was represented by assistant George Foster, who said: "The

Powell ride

Prince in the Victor Chandler Prince in the Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday. David Elsworth has booked Hywel Davies for Barnbrook Again, but Waterloo Boy will miss the race.

Tote Gold Trophy is very much on the sgenda, but we'll have to see how he comes out of this

Corals quote the six-year-old at 16-1 for the Newbury feature and Foster does not feel the £50,000 handicap would be too

exacting after only four races over timber. "He's a very

over timber. "He's a very experienced racehorse from the Flat, and Kevin says that he's becoming very professional in instrumental Last season, this son of Kings Last season, this son of Kings Lake finished twelfth behind Sondrio in the Waterford Crys-

Sondino in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival. "He didn't go in the ground that day, it was too soft. The ground will be the deciding factor if he goes there again. He doesn't want it too soft."

Whatever hannens. Sudden

Victory who was second in the

St Simon Stakes last season, will return to the Flat later this year

when Hills will have 70 two-year-olds in training for the new

Although the Pitmens had to settle for second with Regal Lake behind Sudden Victory,

they had no problems with the promising Cash Is King in the Pevensey Novices Chase. Jump-

ing fences for the first time. Cash is King proved a class superior to his 14 rivals.

superior to his 14 rivals.

Esrlier, St William made it a day for the veterans in the Cooksbridge Amateur Riders Handicap Chase. The 13-year-old showed a clean pair of heels to his younger rivals to win for the first time in 15 months. He was ridden by that accomplished amateur Chris Maude, who was gaining his eighth

who was gaining his eighth success of the season.

Anthony Tory, who was kicked after Heavenly Brother

Dreaper's

star is

ruled out

From Our Irish Racing

Correspondent, Dublin

Carrill's Hill was farced to many yesterday's fatensied engagement, the Arlington Premier Case willfur at Puckets.

Earlier in the day, he knocked his hind leg and although this was bandaged up in the hope that it world prove of no case when unloaded from the horse-box on arrival at the

Dreaper said that he would have to put Carvill's Hill on a course of antibiotics and this would rule out any real chance of him competing against Maid Of Money in the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase at Cheltesham on January 27.

A realistic target for Carvill's Hill is the Vincent O'Bries Irish Gold Cup at Leonardstown peer

Hill is the Vincent O'Bries Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown next month, which he won last year. In his absence yesterday, the most experienced of the four runners, Riska's Rivest outjumped his rivals to will comfortably.

• Peter Scudamore was out of

lack at Cagnes-sur-Mer yes-terias, when All Jeff was brought down at the second fence in the Prix du Comte de Nice, won by Postine (Beatrice Marie).

Call for inquiry

into greyhound

racing betting

Leaders of the greyhound industry are calling for the Government to hold an inquiry into off-course betting and to lift oncourse betting restrictions.

The Betting Gaming and Lotteries Act states that managements must not be the control of the course betting the course of the cours

managements must not have an interest in bookmaking at track where they are the

occupies.

At present each greyhound track has to have totalisator

returns checked by an account-ant. However, despite the fact

that more money is wagered away from the course, there is

no independent scrutiny of re-

turns made by off-course

There are also no off-course

restrictions on which book-makers can take greyhound bets

and no requirement for off-course Tote bets to be transmit-

Many greyhound tracks are run by the big bookmaking firms, who supply results from those tracks to thousands of

their own betting shops. They deal in much larger sums of money than are transacted at the

bookmakers.

ted to the track.

Jim Dreaper's accident-prote Carrill's Hill was forced to man yesterday's intended

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ndan Powell will ride Panto

With the exception of Sarrett's 40-yard sprint, the Civil Service tries were much earthier and symbolized their approach to the game. Wood crashed over from a mani and Mapletoft added a pushover try. OREIS: Royal Air Force: Trice: Blain, Macross. Crossland. Communior: son. Penning and Graph. Civil Syrvice. As: Wood, Mepistori, Knight, Sarrett. Manadox: McAlosse. Penelty goals:

#### Watkins's ban will hit Welsh nations' hopes ian Watkins, Cardiff's Weish

international hooker, has been banned for six weeks by the Welsh Rugby Union, putting him out of the first two games of the five nations' championship. Watkins was sent off for "butting" against Pontypridd on Boxing Day. His comeback game — against Newport on February 10 — will be after the Welsh team for the match against England, at Twick-

enham on February 17, has been Mike Attwell, the Abertillery prop, has been banned for two weeks for fighting against Rosslyn Park last month.

Des Fitzgerald, who plays his first full international at loosehead prop against England at Twickenham on Saturday week, will be on the other side of the scrum for Lansdowne against St.

Mary's College in a vital league game on Saturday.

London Scottish, the third division leaders, must play their Exeter on Saturday afternoon on the second seam pitch at Rich mond Athletic Ground.

#### **Specialist orders Chen** to take two weeks off

By Richard Eaton

Chen Xinhua, whom millions of people saw reach the final of the televised English Open with an injured back on Saturday, will not be fit for the Cleveland Open at Thornaby this weekhas been advised by a specialist to rest for a fortnight.

Fortunately, there is no permanent damage to Chen's back, which has pulled muscles, and there is no recurrence of the

Yu Shentong, the Chinese player who took the English Open title when Chen scratched, tasted defeat within three days. He was beaten 21-14, 14-21, 21-16 by Alan Cooke, the national champion, as England held China to a 3-3 draw in the first of a three-match series at Peterborough on Tuesday.

intends to peak, and suggester this may already have begun. He Scored another victory over Wei Qing-Guang, the Olympic dou-bles gold medal winner, which put England 3-1 up. But there were two defeats for

Yu Shentong beat Carl Prean in straight games.

#### HOCKEY

### Goal for champions

St Albans, representating England in the European indoor club championship at Amiens Cannock, one of four clubs from March 2 to 4, will attempt the Midlands in the last eight to win the Royal Bank club championship for the third successive year at Crystal Palace on January 19 (Sydney Friskin St. 20 and 8.10); final (9.30).

### Europe's richest handicap hurdle, The Ladbroke at

Leopardstown, is the target for Jimmy Fitzgerald. when the Yorkshire-based Irishman saddles Fragrant Dawn and Hill Street, In The Times on Saturday, Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent, assesses Fitzgerald's chances of a first victory in the event and reflects on the success of the versatile Malton trainer,

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#### TABLE TENNIS

end. Chen, the Chinese player who wants to play for England and was obliged to withdraw from the final at Manchester,

and there is no recurrence of the bone injury which hampered him during the world championships of 1983. He therefore expects to play again in the British League on January 28 when Ormesby, his club, takes or Green the committee. takes on Grove, the competition leaders.

Cooke says that the second half of the season is when he

Nicky Mason, the England No. 3, and in the final encounter

## A fragrance of success

Lord Newall, chairman of the Lord Newall, chairman of the British Greyhound Racing Board, said: "I have written at the Home Secretary and lock forward to explaining to him the urgent need for an inquiry into the off-course market."

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By Paul Wheel Paul Wheeler In milkely special Robert Sangster and the Plumpton winners and the Robert Sangster and the Plumpton yesterday who control of the Control of the Control of the Control of the Services Hurdle. Settled in mild-driving instance makes amount with the milkely of the Control of the C

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distance on Boxing Day.

12.30 Lothian Sultan

1.00 Hi High. 1.30 Thurlestone.

2.00 Pegwell Bay.

Going: good

Way clear for talented Pegwell Bay earlier in the season when he chase on Boxing Day. beat Arctic Cavalier by eight On all known form, the John lengths at Plumpton. Bull Chase should be won by Pegwell Bay at Wincanton

Yet even this improving today. However, with Toby eight-year-old still has more to Tobias also standing his find - perhaps as much as a ground the race should not be stone - if he is to beat Pegwell a formality like it was 12 Bay, whose victories last seamonths ago when Cavvies son included the Mackeson Clown won a bloodless contest Gold Cup and the A F Budge Gold Cup, both at Chelten-Pegwell Bay must now give ham, before he stretched 8lb to a horse who had the H & Desert Orchid almost to the T Walker Gold Cup winner limit at Sandown. Man O' Magic trailing 12

After beating the in-form lengths in arrears when scor- Panto Prince at Kempton first ing over today's course and time out this season Pegwell Bay could finish only fifth That performance con-behind Desert Orchid when he firmed the good impression returned to the same track for

WINCANTON

Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely 1.00 GENERALLY RIGHT (nap). 3.30 Fifth Amendment. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 HAMPER.

7 Guest - 8 000 MURROY MOON 15 (W Frys R Hodges 5-10-12 - M Fitzgensid (7) 9 8900/9 SISTER-IN-LAW 12 (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) W Wightner 7-10-12 - M Richards - BETTING: 9-4 Lothian Suitan, 7-2 East River, 6-1 Cooks Lawn, 9-1 Culcix Rapor, 10-1 Royal Refrain, dilewick, Jump, 12-1 Only For Ms. 15-1 others.

12.30 SPETTISBURY NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1: £1,898: 2m) (19 runners)

30 SPETTISBURY NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,898: 2m) (19
00/16 LOTHIAN SULTAN 40 (D.S) (Mm w Gunnery) J Gifford 5-11-13
2- EAST RIVER 276 (Mrs D Russell) G Balding 6-11-3
0. JUNEP 14 (E Wright) S Melior 5-11-3
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MIDDLEWICK (Col A Partier Bowles) S Circistian 5-11-3
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ROYAL REFRAIN (Mrs A Wood) T Forster 5-11-3
2020-0 STEPMENS PET 13 (Mrs M Potter) O O'Neal 7-11-3
0-5 TREVAYLOR 16 (T Le Grice) T Le Grice 5-11-3
WHEFFLER (Mrs J Dening) Major R Dening 8-11-3
48HOLT 287 (Kempress Printers) K Bishop 5-10-12
0-6 CONS LAWN 16 (Mrs M Cobhem) C Brooks 5-10-12
PJF6-60 COTEMELE 22 (A Foster) T Hellett 7-10-12
0-6 EVE FROM EDEN 13 (Major R Thorman) C James 7-16-12

1.0 BLACKMORE VALE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,454: 2m) (7 runners)

Long lundicap: Runsway Train 9-2.
BETTING: 7-4 Generally Right, 3-1 Merket Leader, 7-2 Hi High, 5-1 Accisim, 12-1 Broche, 20-1 Southul Strut, 25-1 Runsway Train.

1989: Hi HIGH 8-10-4 P Richards (11-1) S Patternore 5 ran

1.30 JAMBOREE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (21,926: 2m) (19

FORM FOCUS VANDENBERRO
made good late
lesseway to finish 4%1 4th of 16 to Sherp liting lest
term at Southwell (2m 4f, good to firm). Will TSHIPS
FEOMAN, reverts to hurdles after disappointing in
novice chases, over hurdles finished a creditable 31
and of 16 to Windbound Less at Newton Abbot (2m
150yd, good to soft).

LONGGREST has a lot more to do here then when
whining a Taunton (2m 110yd, soft) saller by 201 less

made good to firm) on her final start lest term. NAATELL
was caught close home when 15il 2nd to Consi
Harbour at Taunton (2m 170yd, soft).

Salection: VANDENGERG

**Course specialists** 

SOUTHWELL

Selections

Michael Seely's selection: 12.45 Evichstar.

12.45 DESIGN CONTRACTORS NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HANDICAP (2,750: 1m) (13

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1 (8) 22113-1 EVICHSTAR 18 (CD,B,F,G) (G Microdin) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-2 (7en) ... K Fallon 2. (7.2) 10000-6 TACOURA HEIGHTS 16 (D,B,G) (T Man) B McMainon 4-9-12 ... Tonism 9.2 (8.5) 63440- BER MARS 260 (Mar J Guisson) B Fitchmond 4-9-7 ... A Collision 9.2 (9.5) 8485041- MASTER PLAN 64J (F) (R Bleck Ltd) J S Wilson 4-9-4 ... G Cart 97 (7.2) 10100- MBSS SARALANE 26 (D,F,G,S) (G Smyth) R Hollanhoed 6-9-2 ... C Hodgeon (7.9) 6 (7.) 988983- SCCOLIBA 12 (Mar N Microsoley) Min M Mocauley 5-8-12 ... S Maloney (7.) 91 (8.5) 901361- PAYVASHOOZ 12 (C,F,S) (M M Racing Ltd) M British 5-8-12 ... S Maloney (7.) 91 (8.5) 024620- WWIDATUM 112 (F,G) (Min N Microsoley) Min N Mocauley 5-8-10 ... Duss Microsoley 9.8 (9.5) (9.5) 9.3 MANHATTAN HWYER 5 (9.7) (M H Fire C Woymas 4-8-10 ... T Williams 9.0 (11) - 502500- SONALTO 16J (J Blanch) Denys Smith 4-9-7 ... P Delton (7.) 95 (11) 6504-65 TRACE OF BOOM 9 (M Y Minn) T Barron 7-8-5 ... M Wighten 94 (12) (10) 5504-65 TRACE OF BOOM 9 (M Y Minn) C Wolf 4-5-5 ... J Carlon (8.) 96 (13) (4.) 80800-5 CATHANN 10 (8.) (C Booth) D Chapman 5-7-7 ... S Wood (8.) -- RETURKS: 4-1 Evichstar, 9-2 Miss Samjane, 5-1 trish Passage, 11-2 Physishooz, 6-1 Windistum, 1905- NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

1.15 YORKSHIRE CLAIMING STAKES QUALIFIER (3-Y-O: £2,301: 1m) (7 runners)

1.45 DESIGN CONTRACTORS LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,238: 7f) (4

1 (1) :503831- CONJURIER 12 (CJP) (D Allen) R Hannon 9-10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A Modione 85
2 (3) (220-5 ABLE ROCKET 9 (B,SP) (L Berry) Mrs N Macadey 9-3 \_\_\_\_\_\_ W Adense 98
3 (4) 000- SUSANNA'S SECRET 42 (8) (Miss M Kaleji) Mrs L Piggott 8-11 \_\_ MON-RUMER \_\_\_\_\_\_ 4 (2) 65030-2 MRSS (NRSHT 9 (Mrs C Bastiman) R Bastiman 8-9 \_\_\_\_\_\_ J Culan (3) @ 98

16 O-0 EVE FROM EDEN 13 (Major Fi Thorman) C James 7-10-12 ... 17 8/009-90 MILLADY 36 (J Brett) J Eslott 7-10-12 ...

FORM FOCUS LOTHEAN SULTAN, cripiced behind Freeline Frishing at Chepatow din, good; serier best Chief Mole Giover the same course and distance (good to soft).

EAST RIVER started favourite for a Herstord (im 51, good to soft) MH filet rece lest term and finished 31 and to Mandaring in a similar event. STEPMENS PET meeded the run at Warwick (2m, good) when a stopping on 181 7th to Webbe Wonder; serier put up a

FORM FOCUS MARKET LEADER winning was with an 81 beating of Travellers Trip at Luciow (2m., good). GENERALLY RIGHT ran out an appressive wither on his seasonal respectance when beating What A Wally by 51 at Wordester (2m., good to first) and looks on a researchie mark.

11 045045 BAST SUY 22 (0.5) (Mrs J Hexss) 1 Hexss 1 1-10-5
12 283080- TUFF STYCK 364 (3 Saps) J Cld 5-10-3.
13 3P-54U2 NAATELL 14 (P Tory) N Mitchell 7-10-2.
14 9-04 RUSHLLAIN 16 (Mrs K Durge) R Hodge 8-10-2.
15 56PP4 GERAGHTY AGAIN 657 (G A Associating) 8 Stevens 716 000- INCREDIBLE LADY 35F (A Dunson) A Durson 5-10-0.
17 GPM-PP- KING UNIVERSE 446 (Mrs I Mitsr) W Fisher 9-10-0.
18 5UP9-0 GD-GO-SAM 46 (Mrs S Walkey) P Walkey 8-10-0.
19 P00 WEST LODGE LADY 12 (E George) N Thomson 5-10-0.

TRAINERS

1245 Evichstar.

Going: standard

1.15 Andrew's First. 1.45 Conjurer.

Apart from the opposition,

the combination of a really bad mistake five fences from home and the distance was probably his undoing that day. Back to what is arguably his ideal trip against inferior opposition, Pegwell Bay should reign supreme once

Half-an-hour later, I like the look of stable companion Social Climber's chance of winning the Corscombe Novices' Hurdle even though The Illywhacker, the first of Jenny Pitman's seven winners on Boxing Day, also runs again. Even The Illywhacker will

2.30 SOCIAL CLIMBER (nap).

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S Coviny
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Poter Hobbs
C Lineallyn
H Davise

V Slattery (7) 0 99

3.00 Bumbles Folly.

3.30 Flight Hill.

good effort here over course and distance (soft) last year when 81 2nd to Hawthorn Hill Lad.
TREVAYLOR made steady late headway to finish 35%1 5th o The Bywhacker at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, heavy). May be capable of better. COCKS LAWN was not given a hard time on her tunding debut when a 38% 8th to Lady Rosenna over course and distance (good).
Selection: STEPHEMS PET

course and estence (good) and can improve on that effort. ACCLABN won first time out at Worcester (2m, good to firm) last season and although not the most relable of performers put up an excellent performance when a head 2nd to Westerloo Boy (rec Sb) at Worcester (2m, good).

BROCHE, pulled up letted, west earlier 3f 2nd of 3 to Montgomery at Windoor (3m, good) to firm).

Selections GENERALLY MIGHT (sear).

P Davies (7)
..... A Tory
..... W Irvino

M Stevens (7) ... S Hazell (7) ..... P Benseri

2.15 Falcon Flight. 2.45 Kenilworth Castle.

Draw: 7f-1m, low numbers best

Selection GENERALLY RIGHT (pap)

Social Climber whose first race of the season behind Egypt Mill at Towcester held out so much hope for the future, especially over a distance like today's. He is my

A veritable fleet of runners from trainer Tim Forster's Letcombe Bassett yard also includes two, Uncle Merlin and Fence Judge, for the Lillo Lumb Challenge Cup.

I feel that his two-pronged attack will be foiled by Bambles Felly, who showed that he possessed the requisite stamina when winning at Taunton I nose enthusiastic enough to wait until the end of the

2.0 JOHN BULL CHASE (\$3,655: 2m 5f) (4 runners)

rewarded by a glimpse of two well-related horses competing against each other in the second division of the Spettisbury Novices' Hurdle.

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They are Celtic Shot's halfbrother Bali Down Lad, who has never run, and Flight Hill, who is a half-prother to Prideaux Boy. In this instance, the advantage could lie with Flight Hill who gained what could turn out to be priceless experience when running well in a bumper at Newbury.

On the all-weather Flat course at Southwell, I fancy Evichstar's chance of winning the Design Contractors Nottinghamshire Handicap

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J Ledder (5) # 99

2 30-011 1097 10874 to CDP Logger 18 Logger 11-12.

4 F-90456 VINTAGE LAD 18 (Q) (S Burtleig) R Hodges 7-11-2.

BETTING: 4-6 Pegunil Bay, 11-8 Toby Tobies, 25-1 Vintage Lad, 50-1 The Fruit.

1889: CAVVIES CLOWN 9-12-0 R Amott (1-2 tay) D Eleventh 3 ran 2.30 CORSCOMBE NOVICES HURDLE (£2.332: 2m 6f) (23 runners) O-201 THE ILLYWHACKER 18 (S) (J Hachins) Mrs J Pluman 5-11-12.

0-201 THE ILLYWHACKER 18 (S) (J Hachins) Mrs J Pluman 5-11-12.

0-3 ADELAURE 28 (M O'Connor) J King 5-11-5.

5 ASK MCSS 286 (Dule O' Achol) G Balding 5-11-5.

0-4 CURRY EXPRESS 10 (P Doggraf) R Hodges 7-11-5.

0-6 ETHIOPIAN KING 348 (A Watse) T Etherington 7-11-5.

0-7 ETHIOPIAN KING 348 (A Watse) T Etherington 7-11-5.

29 FATHER JOHN 724 (G DKON) J Balar 6-11-5.

(0-30 GENERAL JAMES 21 (F) (Mrs T Stone-Brown) J Gifford 7-11-5.

0 LE RELISH 20 (D Trivers-Clark) K Bishop 5-11-5. ... Mr G Morrow (7) .... 8 Smith Eccles. ...... M Perrutt ........ J Frost W Index (3)
E Murphy
L Harvey
W McFerland (3)
R Rose 8 LE RELISH 29 (D Travers-Clark) K Bishop 5-11-5
60 MIGHTY FALCON 49 (R Tony) D Bleworth 5-11-5
80-P MILITARY EXPRESS 16 (Miss S Gingel) R Hodges 7-11-5
3/6 MYSTIC PALACE 16 (S Williams) D Berons 7-11-5
80-PP SECRET MEMBER 22 (J Frampion) R Hodges 6-11-5
SHOPWELL (T WHINE) D Gandolile 6-11-5
15-5 SOCIAL CLIMBER 21 (3) (L Kimber) T Forster 6-11-5
U CRACKERMAC 36 (J Robson) Mirs B Waring 5-11-0
959-44 DISCREET CHARM 16 (J Chard) Miss J Thoma 5-11-0
306 RYDEWIELLS DAUGHTER 2 (Mirs K Hayward) P Cundel 5-11-0
21424 RETURN TO ROMANCE 15 (F) (C Wingh) F Jordan 4-10-8
4 LONG TALL SALLY 13 (S Gizzer) R Curit 4-10-2

6 Ethiopian King will enter on if there is overmight . S Powell ... H Davies Mitchell (7)

© Ethiopian King will only run if there is evernight rain
BETTING: 9-4 The Wywtacker, 7-2 Social Climber, 5-1 Return To Romance, 7-1 Rock Of Ages, 8-1 General
amen, 10-1 Long Time Sally, 12-1 Mystic Paleos.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS THE ILLYWHACKER made all in a novices event at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, heavy) deleating Crystal Compt 41 with TEARFILE PRINCE (11b better off) 301 3rd MYSTIC PALACE (7b better off) 614 6th and MILITARY EXPRESS pulled up before 2 out. DISCREET CHARM 344 4th of 15 to Lady Rosenne on her lettest start in a novices event here (2m, cood), ROCK OF AGES firsted 261 4th to Surf Board at Sandown (2m, heavy) on her lettest start 23

OU.

ASK MOSS finished 19! 5th to Bewinnore Lad on his only start last season in a NH flat race at Thurles (2m, yelding). SOCIAL CLIMBER shaped with promise on his hundling bow at Towcester (2m, good) when 21 1/4 5th of 18 to Egypt Milt.

RYDEWELLS DAUGNTER disappointed on her latest start at Newton Abbot (2m 5i 110yd, heavy) when 14 (5m to Miss Muck. RETURN TO ROMANCE stayed on again close home to Sinsh 16 hi 4m to Sartorius at Wolverhumpton (2m, good to soft).

Selection: THE ELYWHACKER 3.0 LILLO LUMB CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,835: 3m 1f) (13 runners)

FORM FOCUS TROUT ANGLER ran on well to deleter Paddy's Pond a head on his perutitionals start in an ametium handcap at the perutitionals start in an ametium handcap at handcap over course and distance (firm). ANOTHER SCHEDULE has found one too good in handcaps at Bangor and Wolverhampton (3m 11, good to firm) on latter course being best 2% by Gachrook. 1989: FENCE JUDGE 7-10-1 C Linuxilyn (5-4 fev) T Forster S ran Gedinook.
BURGELES POLLY just held on to lend a Taunton
handisp (3m 3f, soft) off a 4th lower mark when
defeating Capel Core a nack with FENCE JUDGE
(4th better off) a poor 8th, GREENBAAK PARK was

KINGSWOOD KITCHENS railed well to finish 1/1 3rd to Hope Diamond in a Devon handicap (2m 2f, soft). HURRIY UP HENRY led close home to delet Unicol 1/2 on respearance in Folkestone handicap (3m 2f, good).

BALI DOWN LAD (D Horton) C Brooks 6-11-3

3/80- COMIDEN COTTAGE 396 (Dr D Cheeney) Dr D Cheeney 6-11-3

0 FIFTH AMEMDMENT 13 (RF) (W Robins) Mrs J Plinsen 5-11-3

0- FLIGHT HALL 447 (Mrs R Samely) D Eleverts 6-11-3

3/6F- GRARYTE FALACE 378 (Mrs J Ystes) J GRIFOTS 6-11-3

30/6 HAWICES BAY 14 (C Wels) R Hodges 7-11-3

283-U3 LAURORYMAN 13 (Burford Disnict Laundry) S Mellor 7-11-3

00-00 MAYEE BASY 13 (BF) (S Lindsey) D Surons 6-11-3

BIGS- DLAYPEN 255 (P Tylor) R Frost 6-11-3

BIGS- PLAYPEN 255 (P Tylor) R Frost 6-11-3

BIG STRAIGHT BRANDY 14 (P Love) D Nicholson 7-11-3

404 STRAIGHT BRANDY 14 (P Love) D Nicholson 7-11-3 5 Increase 30

M Pitmen 30

G Bradity —

H Rowe 70

W Invite (3) 72

S Courley 9 90

M Hewite (3) 90

A Durnite (7) —

J Frost 73 

FORM FOCUS DOREEN'S PRIDE was supported from 2-1 to 6-1 on her hurding bow at Yaunton (2m 110yd, soft) when 46%1 4th to McCinetor, FFTH AMENDMENT was a newer nearer 8th of 25 to First Crack with MAYDE SASY (same aems) 10th on his hurding bow at Warwick (2m, good). LAURDRYMAN run on well on the flat to finish 31 3rd of 23 to Webbe Wonder on his blood start in a novices event at Warwick (2m, good). PLAYPEN

1988: PARSONS GREEN 5-11-3 J White (5-2) N Henderson 14 ran good).
TEN DEEP 231 4th of 17 to Trelelyn Cone on her resoccurse debut in a NH flat race at Hereford (2m, good to firm).
Selection: LAUNDRYNAM

2.15 DESIGN CONTRACTORS LEICESTERSHIRE CLAMING STAKES (£2,700: 7f) (16 

2.45 DESIGN CONTRACTORS EAST MIDLANDS HANDICAP (£2,511: 1m 5f) (15 \_ S Misloney (7) \_\_\_\_\_ J Carter \_\_\_ P Delton (7) \_\_\_\_ S Perts

1 (8) 00/0335- MILL'S HALO 19J (P Hit) J Edwards 4-10-0
2 (12) 602225- ORAG ARTIST 12 (0,8) (M British) M British 5-8-9
3 (8) 20/0044- MIGH ALOFT 51J (0) (Malicom Pic) T Casay 6-9-9
4 (1) 234003/ GALLOWAY RADGER 381J (2) (J Bianchi) Danya Smith 6-3-9
5 (7) 07500-6 Z REMILWORTH CASTLE 9 (9) (G Famodo) R Hollinshead 4-8-2
6 (15) 000600- SELKS DOMBNO 75J (0,8) (R Malpass) M Ryan 5-9-1
7 (13) 956050/ TROJAN WAR 15J (R Langley) C Spares 6-5-11
8 (2) 00300-0 3O (BFTED 10 (T Yatss) J Norton 4-8-6
9 (5) 000600- TAGARMICUS 28 (W Koby) M Naughton 4-8-4
10 (9) 5/5000-0 PALAIS DE DANSE 19 (G Simpson) A Potts 6-8-2
11 (4) 165458/ CHRISSTIMAS HOLLY SAJ (8) (R Wood) Mirs G Ransiny 9-8-1
12 (3) 300060- SUSAN HENCHARD 12 (V,6) (M Anison) M Anison 6-7-12
13 (11) 00/000-0 DONOSA 10 (B Richmond) B Richmond 5-7-9
14 (14) 000060- DRU RI'S BRU RI SBJ (D Druy) W Benfey 4-7-7
Long handicap: Miss Patdorms 7-2. G Carter

G Carter

A Proud — |

K Folion e 19

T Willems — |

S Webster — |

J Colon (2)

A Cultane

4 Wood (7) Long hundicage Miss Patdonns 7-2. BETTING: 7-2 Kentworth Castle, 4-1 Drug Artiet, 9-2 HBTs Halo, 5-1 Galloway Raider, Christmas Holly, 10-1 Silks Domino, 12-1 So Gifted, 14-1 Susan Hanchard, 16-1 others.

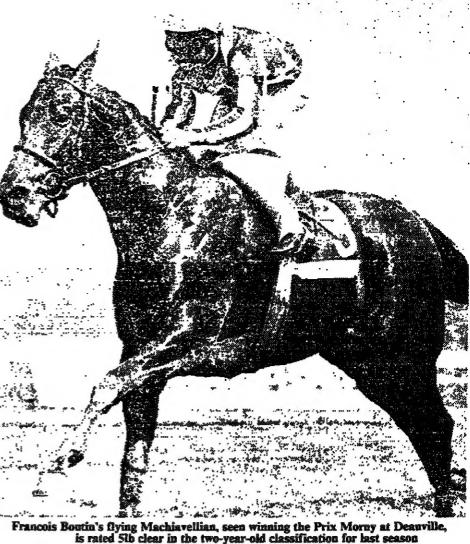
3.15 DESIGN CONTRACTORS DERBYSHIRE HANDICAP (£2,553: 1m 3f) (14 runners) 50/560-4 RAZEEN 10 (B) (A Fouetok) Jimmy Fizzperaki 5-10-0 K Fallon 540303- SRR RUFUS 28 (V,F) (N Wiscon) C Nelson 4-9-1 T Outen /II040/0- AMPHOTERIC YENTURE 12 (Mrs C Morgan) K Morgan 5-8-10 R Wigham 330502- DOWN THE VALLEY 12 (B,F) (R Sharmon) R Harmon 4-8-8 A McGlone 

THE TIMES RACING SERVICE



BETTING: 5-4 Conjury, 2-1 Able Rocket, 5-2 Miss Knight.

BETTING: 3-1 Down The Valley, 7-2 Supreme Bluce, 4-1 Sir Rufue, 5-1 Rezzen, 6-1 Concert Pitch, Glustondelo, 10-1 Berningham's Price, 12-1 Percy's Pel, Yet, 14-1 others. Course specialists



### Old Vic considered 3lb superior to Nashwan

Old Vic was officially superior to Nashwan over 11/2 miles in 1989 according to the Inter-national Classifications published today.

Henry Cecil's charge, the winner of the French and Irish

Derbys, was given a rating of 134 compared with Nashwan's 131, assessments guaranteed to revive debate over the respective merits of the two colts. The handicappers took the view that Old Vic's seven-length win over Dancehall at Chantilly

was the best performance of the season at 1½ miles.
"Dancehall had gone into the Pancenau had gone into the French Derby with proven high-class form over a mile and a half." Anthony Arkwright, responsible for the middle-distance horses, said. "Yet Old Vic simply pulverized him. Old Vic did not run anywhere near that form in the Light Derby hart. form in the Irish Derby, but then he didn't have to.

"No matter how hard we tried it was impossible to put Nash-wan any higher on his form at that trip. The Epsom Derby form became disappointing and Caccethes, whom he beat in the King George at Ascot, was not a

top class opponent.

The popular view was that
Nashwan had nothing more to prove after the King George, but i think he did, particularly after the Prix Niel where he ran a stone below his form. I was hoping that he would run again."

Nor does Nashwan figure

prominently in the pantheon of Derby winners. Since the classifications were first compiled in 1977, only four winners - Henbit, Teenoso, Secreto and Kabyasi - have been rated inferior, and Nashwan stands 9lb below the top-rated Shergar. Indeed, Arkwright considers Nashwan's best effort was his five-length defeat of Opening Verse in the 10-furlong Eclipse Stakes at Sandown. "He was up to 133 at that point but Opening Verse's subsequent form over a mile and a quarter cast doubts on the value of that run."

However reasoned the arguments they will do little to placate Nashwan's army of admirers, not least jockey Willie

Classic class of '89

into the French Derby when the second was given too much to do," he said. "But Nashwan kept on winning.

It's a good job the handicap-

pers weren't training him," he added mischievously. "They'd have been frightened to run him in the King George." Old Vic shared the title of leading three-year-old with Zilzal, dominant over a mile

and never more impressive than when defeating Polish Precedent at Ascot. Zilzal established him-self as the third-best miler since 1977, behind only Blushing Groom and El Gran Senor. Discussion over individual merits aside, the classifications again underlined the continuing

trend of owners avoiding meet-

ing at the highest level. Short careers and swift retirement to stud suggest that breeding's tail continues to wag racing's dog.

True champions are the heartbeat of any sport but they can be identified only by direct competition. The notion of defeat and loss of reputation apparently go hand-in-hand in Flat racing, but they need not be

"Had Nashwan run against length we could have improved his rating," Arkwright said. "He would have been proven a better horse despite losing."

avellian topped the list. The current 6-1 favourite for the 2,000 Guineas achieved his rating in the Prix Morny at Deauville but was less impressive when winning the Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp.

However, the main talking point was the assessment of Cecil's Be My Chief, unbeaten in six starts, yet considered 21b inferior to Argentum and Digression among the home-trained contingent.

"He was impressive when winning the Racing Post Trophy," Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior handicapper said, "but his rating again comes back to the appalling lack of competition, No-one took him on with a good. No-one took him on with a good horse so it's difficult to know just how he good he is."
That comment applies

equally to the Dick Hern-trained Elmaamul, who is given the glowing recommendation of being considered the equal of Be My Chief on the basis of emphatic wins in relatively minor down. At least one of the fivestrong committee of senior handicappers considers him the one to follow during the coming

Carroll House, the Prix de Carroll House, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, was adjudged the best of the older horses on 128, just ahead of Warning and Nashwan's half-brother, Unfuwain, who was denied the opportunity of improving on his two early-season wins by the firm ground which prevailed during much of which prevailed during much of

The older horses provided the

#### European Free Handicap leaders

Welney
Air Music
Dashing Blede
Free Al Last
Pharach's Delight
Anshen
Call To Arms

#### Results from yesterday's three meetings

Gelog: soft

1.9 (2m hdie) 1, GOOD SPARK (J Leech,
2-1 tay); 2, Reibble Barne (R Goldstein,
100-30); 3, Rusee Feetdval (M Kinane, 201). ALSO RAN: 5 Clean Through, 6 Patrol
Leader, 7 Daily Sport Soon (5th), 14
Millipond Boy, 20 Cutcast (4th), 33
Cornabse (I), Sate Distance (pu), Bold
Choice (8th), 50 Talab, Integen Lady,
Grand Lou (pu), 14 ran. NR: Just A
Boozer, Pleusible. Bl. M. 244, 14, 7, R
Alsohurst at Epsom. Tote: 22.00; 21.20,
21.70, 67:30. DF: 22.30. CSF: 22.00.
21.20, 27:30. DF: 22.30. CSF: 22.00.
21.20, 67:30. DF: 22.30. CSF: 25.00.
22.20, 12

4,400grs.

2.30 (3m 1/ ch) 1, SOONER STILL (T Morgan, 13-8 fav/s: 2, Hasty Diver (C Lievellyn, 33-1); 3, Hawthorn Jacka (G Moore, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Royal Battery (f), 6 Sir Wager (5th), 10 Chais Du Fondelour (I), Tumble Jack (4th), 12 Provential Rosa (8th), 25 The Undertaker (pu), 33 Notre Chevel (f), 10 ran. NR: Brocken Fight, 15l, 15l, 1/l, 1, dist, J Erhwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tools: 22.70; 21.10, 26.70, 27.70. DF: 2100.90. CSF: 245.50. Tricast 21,177.74.

E45.50. Tricast £1,177.74.
3.0 (2m ch) 1, 5T WILLIAM (Mr C Maude, 8-1); 2, Mausters' Revenge (Mr S Montos, 5-4 fev); 3, Sohadi (Mr C Farrel, 11-2); ALSO RAN: 13-2 Green Marble (4th), 15-2 Father Paddy, 10 Majuba Road (6th), 14 Blue Danube, Shangosser (5th), 33 Borenco (f), 9 ran. 15, 2, 3, ni., 25, R Hodges et Somerton, Tote: £8.20; £2.30, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £8.49. CSF: £18.48. St. £58.36.

Tricest 538.36.

3.30 (2m hole) 1, SUDDEN VICTORY (K Mooney, 4-6 ter; Mandartin's rap & Private Nandicapper's top reting); 2, Regal Lake (M Priman, 3-1); 3, Flachgiow (R Rowe, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 7 Til fech Pyer (4ri), 20 Bahrain Bridge (pu), 33 Coine Valley Kid, Buddy Holly, Mornfands Way, Mass A Turn), 50 Al Sahil (5th), River (Regdom, Claudia Pascal (pu), Esprit De Ferrire, 100 Fred Splandel (Rri), Mantinit, Kraymark (f) 16 ran. NR: Lunck Star. 24, 20, 41, 10; 31 S. Hills at Manton, Toes: 21.80, 21.20, \$1.10, \$2.90. DF: £2.70. CSF. £3.38. Plecepot: £102.8(1.

Blinkered first time SOUTHWELL: 1.15 Great Service. 1.45 Anie Rocket. 2.15 Langhem Lady. 3.15 Months Serv

#### Kelso

Geing: good to soft

23.60, £5.30. DF: £41.30, CSF: £27.50.

2.6 (2m 4f hdis) 1, LORD ROLFE (S Woods, 20-1); 2, Name Little One (N Mann, 16-1); 3, Sealingle (D Morris, 5-1). ALSO RAN- 4 ter Woodcot (f), 5 Raptime Solo (50), 6 Fleetwood Lass (f), 7 Up The Ladder, 9 Shokran, 12 Lirchur (4th), 14 Sharpford, £5 On The Rocks (pu), 33 Offie-P (pu), Hetal Louise (pu), Provistyle (pu), Kwi (8th), 15 ran. NFt. Growing Power, 15i, 13t, date; 12t, 31. Devise at Astriord. Tota: 115; 10; 231.60, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £42.00. Fig. 2. Amberguise (C Grant, 7-2, 3, 174, 200) Fi

CSF: 288.54. Tricest: 2802.03.

1.45 (2m ch.), FISH QUAY (R Marley, 4-1); 2. Ambergate (C. Grant, 7-2); 3. Trisprein Law (f. Reed, 3-1 |i-law). ALSO RAM: 3 |i-fev Tartan Tempest (ur.), 11 Tycoon Moon (6th), 20 Another Striplight (5th), Melsonby (4th), Jose Baby (un.), 50 Murphy's Choice, The Burleyman (f), Wriskin Melody (uu). 11 ran. 1½, 10, 15, 12, 1½, 13, 14 H. Esstarby at Great Habton. Tote: 23.00; £1.10, £1.60, £2.40. DF: £11.00. CSF: £17.78.

Tota: E3.00; 11.10, 21.00, 20.00.

211.00.CSF: E17.78.

2.15 (2m 2i hole) 1, SPARK OF PEACE (P Midgley, 7-2); 2. Piè Pony (L Wyer, 11-4 lay); 3. Starchty Bialte (K Jones, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Sybilin (Sri), 6 Young Pagasnt (Bith), 15-2 Warwick Suite (4th), 8 Sille On, 10 Kings Quest, 33 Hasty Import (pu), Thereleos (pu), 10 ran. 8, 2, 5t. hd, hd. P Bockley at Canwick. Tota: £4.80; 21.80, £1.10, £5.80. DF: £6.20. CSF: £13.17. Tricast: £226.90.

2.45 (2m 199d ch) 1, MAREJO (B Storey, 5-4 fay); 2, Taccleo (M Dwyer, 5-1); 3, Sanjestic (G Bradley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Pyannas (Sill), 10 Richards Boy (pu), 14 Importy, Carousel Rocket (4th), 20 Bessecart Boy, £5. Thewen Time (8th), 9 ran. 19t. 10t. 13tl, 3dl, 23tl. F Walton at Morpetit. Tota: £2.70, £12.0, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £7.80, CSF: £8.63. Tincast: £31.88.

3.15 (tm 5/ 8at) 1, DICKIETS GIN (Mr R

OF: 27.80. CSF: 22.03. Infotist: £31.89.

3.15 (tim 5f Ret) 1, DICKIE'S (BIN (Mr R-Ford, 5-2 p-tav); 2, Arpeil Breuze (J. Cataghan, 5-2 p-tav); 3, Over The Styx (Mr R Hale, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Westward Drift, 6 Pretty in Pirik (Sth), 8 Hit The Box (5th), 20 Crossylen, Megropolis, Dencer (4th), Off The Bru, 33 Cashel Pelace, Merrievood Magic, 50 My Mertin, 12 ren. 2M, 3, 10, 2, 21 Tate at Taccester. Your. £5.20; £1.90, £2.00, £4.40. DF: £1.70. CSF: £9.24. 24.6, Dr. 211.70. Coff 19.24.

3.45 (im 51 flat) 1, SOLO CORNET (D Byrne, 10-11 fav); 2, Meduck (R Bellamy, 11-4); 3, Waynake Boy (N Lasch, 50-1).

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Foggy Scotch (4m), 18 Maltary Blaze (5th), 25 King Of Steel, 33 Mr Wiride (8th), 50 Smile, 68 Brownskie Brig, Walter Street, Kind Angwer, 11 ran. 1%l, 4l, hd, hd, 8t. Jimmy Prizgeraid at Matten. Tota: £2.40; £1.40, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.01. pot £22.20.

#### Southwell

22.60, 23.20. DP £15.30. CSF £65.54.

1.25 (2m 21 ndia) 1, Wasverley (Bet (J J Cuinn, 4-1); 2, Lilec Time (11-4), 3, Three Sportil (5-4 tev). 6 ren. Dist, 301. J Watnersight, Tote: £5.90, £2.70, £2.10 DF: £7.40, CSF: £14.43. Bought in 2.300gms.

1.56 (2m 41 ndia) 1, Whiteseeah (S Smith Eccles, Evens lav); 2, Andows (11-10); 3, Centserery Star (20-1), 6 ran. NR: £tile's Son., Prince Celtic. 12, 121. Mrs D Haine. Tote: £2.10, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £1.40, CSF: £2.52.

22.52 2.25 (2m indie) 1, Clos Ou Bele (M Brannan, 4-5 lav); 2, Cajun Dancer (14-1); 3, Vendredi Treize (33-1), 8 ran. 7, 15L Mrs. N. Macsuley, Totas: 21-40; 51.10, 52.00, 54.20, DF: 210.40, CSF: £13.02. 2.55 (2m 4/ hdle) 1, High Finance (8 Turner, 11-10 few); 2, Kuwait Mutar (7-2); 3, Fitth Attempt (100-30), 8 ran. 2%, 8. R Wesswer. Totte: 22.00; 21.10, 22.80. DP: 28.80. CSP: £5.53.

Placecot: £70.50. • The Builder battled home by

a courageous half length in the Stewart White Memorial Handicap Chase at Kelso yes-terday, to register his first victory for nearly 34 months.



# Base metal on road to Olympic gold

Ivan Patzaikin are two of Romania's greatest sporting figures. Puica took the gold medal in the women's 3,000 metres in Los Angeles in 1984 while Patzaikin is probably Romania's greatest sportsman, having won four Olympic canceing titles and countless silver and bronze medals in five Games between 1972 and 1984. But their lives under Ceausescu were far removed from the lavish existence normally associated with worldclass performance in sport, even in Eastern European terms. They were forced to endure hardship and often found themselves at odds with corrupt and ruthless officials. Now they are free to

Speak.

"The peak of my career coincided with the so-called 'Golden Era' of the tyrant," Puica says ruefully. "Together with Paula Ivan [the Olympic 1,500 metres champion] I must have made about a quarter of a million dollars from various awards and endorsements in the last two years but we haven't seen a penny of it. We had to make separate deals with the promoters to give us pocket

The authorities were collecting every penny from us. In normal circumstances I would have collected the money at the end of my career. I am retired now. At one stage they said they would give us about 10 per cent of our winnings. Then they said that they would give some lei [Romanian currencyl but we haven't seen either. Because the bulk of the money went either to the state or into someone's pocket, the only thing we got abroad were the crumbs. It was quite frustrating and some-how humiliating to see that lesser athletes than us were much better paid, whereas we, the Romanians, were treated like second-class

"My career suffered early on because of the envy of some coaches and the back-stabbing by some so-called journalists. remember in the early days I could go abroad only once or twice a



**AFTER THE REVOLUTION** 

Chris Than, a

Romanian journalist

who is based in England, has returned

to his homeland to see how the fall of the

Ceausescu regime has affected sport and

sportsmen there. In his last report he finds that

Olympic success has been achieved against a background of hardship

and deprivation in charge and coaching his wife, Natalia [the former mile world

record-holder]. There was very little chance for me to make a name for myself in only one or two Can you believe that there are Romanian sports writers who, in

the 23 years of my career, have never spoken to me. For them only gold medals were good, silver and bronze were simply not good enough. That was a reflection of the official policy. There is one journalist who has done so much damage to Romanian sport. "I am amused reading his



Free to speak at last: Puica and Patzaikin, pictured together after the revolution, often found themselves at odds with Ceansesca's officials

criticizing the same people he was praising a few months ago.
"I remember the 1984 Olym-

pics. I was ill before the 1,500 metres final so I came only third. By that time the management of the Romanian delegation had become so full of themselves that they wouldn't even speak to an athlete winning anything less than gold. After the race I went to the headquarters of the Romanian delegation. The top brass were drinking champagne and I remember that I was holding the

Patzaikin endorses those sentiments. "The same thing happened to me at the Olympics," he says, "In 1976 I missed the gold in Montreal and suddenly I became a non-person. In Los Angeles I won the silver in the first race and they wouldn't even talk to me. The following day I went beyond my limits to win the Olympic title. I saw the film of the race and I couldn't recognize myself. My face didn't have anything human in it. "I remember in 1972 at the

medal in my hand. They didn't munich Olympics I won my gold even look or say well done. Gold—and a silver and all they said then that was the only thing which was 'very good'. They never of my colleagues have been per-

published my photograph in the sports newspaper, nor was I interviewed on TV because I refused to cut my hair short and Ceausescu used to hate people

"Traditionally Olympic cham-pions are presented with a cash reward. In 1984, when I came back from Los Angeles we were told that we were not going to get any money because it was Ceausescu who sent us to the Olympics and without him we would never had a

suffer for what they said, some of them for what they didn't say, but someone somewhere informed on them. Some have been accused of not trying hard enough, some had to suffer for the actions of their brothers, sisters or friends. If one of your relatives decided to go abroad or defect, that was the end of your career. We were told not to talk to foreigners and I know some athletes who finished their careers because they did, I wanted badly to compete and, because of that, I didn't make any friends with athletes overseas. Now that the

#### Finding it difficult to express the truth Media coverage of sports was kept

under close control. After an early flirtation with leading sporting figures, designed to boost his image and popularity, Ceausescuended up by banning some of the most famous Romanian athletes from the pages of the newspapers and the television screen.

The front covers of the Romanian magazines ceased to publish head and shoulder shots of individual athletes. As an example Mircea Anglescu, the interim Sports Minister, cited the case of the gymnast, Nadia Comaneci. He said: "The fairy of Montreal became a non-person during the last few years. She was driven to sheer desperation by the regime, After Montreal, Ceausescu made her hero of socialist labour. Afterwards, he would avoid having any personalities around. The promotion of any individual was expressly forbidden.

Francis Vashtag, the first Romanian to win an amateur world title in boxing, was particularly unlucky. Ceausescu was involved in one of his traditional visiting sprees in the country and the tame Sportul newspaper de-voted so much space to him that it-failed to report Vashtag's achievement for three days.

"If Ceausescu's photo was on the front page, no other picture was allowed to appear, Radu Timofte, a reporter with the daily newspaper, Gazeta Sporturilor,

"We journalists became the pawns of the national sports council who used us to pursue their own interests or cover up their failures. We made an insignificant win look big and had to falsify match reports to please some top politicians. We lied knowingly and for me personally this was my professional death sentence," he said.

Cornel Dinu, the deputy sports minister, identified one of the most pressing problems for the country, and for journalists in particular, of life after the revolution, "After several decades of dictstorship, people are either used to give orders or to obey orders and it's very difficult to make them respect and use their newly won democratic rights," he

Paul Iovan, the veteran sports iournalist, said: "After such a long time in darkness we find difficulty in expressing the truth. We have struggled to find the way to be honest. We are unused to thinking freely. We still wait for someone to come and give us some orders and above everything else there is the self-censorship which was a means of survival and is now preventing us from being free.

"Ceausescu encouraged the most base characteristics in human beings: disloyalty, envy and treachery."

# A grim reality lies behind the glare of success

Nicolae Ceausesce, a proud owner of the Olympic Order, was in fact squeezing the life out of Romanian sport. The more specessful Roma-nian sport became, the greater the and women had to ender

The decision to send Romanian athletes to Los Angeles in 1984 -widely praised in sporting circles

had nothing to do with love for sport and Olympic ideals.

Romania's presence in the Olympics was part of Ceausescu's desire to challenge the Soviets and steal the headlines in the West. Whereas there was still some kind nance in Los Angeles — amply relayed, without charge, on television by the Americans, the equally impressive showing in Seoul was met by the Romanian public with indif-

beginning to cause serious con-

cern to the World Cup organizers. The unprecedented decision by the FIS technical

events after the Val Gardena men's downhill has left the

organizers with a backlog of

races and no imminent forecast

The Schladming race or-ganizers and tourist office have

been quick to act. Over the past

Schladming, Austria (Reuter) -Marc Girardelli, the World Cup

least next mouth, his father said

two weeks, officials have spent in second position, was a more than £100,000 on covering staggering 1.59 seconds. Ronald the Planai downhill run, a Duncan, of Great Britain, from

Setback for Girardelli

holder, had a second operation super-giant in Sestriere a month yesterday following his crash in ago and suffered back, rib and super-giant slalom last month and will be out of action until at the had an operation at

ITALY

SWITZERLAND

ference. Accordingly, the Boma-nian television station showed only glimpses of the Olympic action in South Korea. The change of attitude was because the reality behind the Otympic glare of success was grim. Corruption, treachery, sycophancy, desunci-ation and extertion had become coaches became pawns in the

Artificial race has open look

From Ray Robinson, Schladming, Austria

artificial snow.

But preparing a fast race ski
wax under artificial snow con-

ditions has caught the tech-nicians on the hop. The combination of artificial snow

on what is essentially a "gliders" downbil! course could create an

In the first of the two training sessions on Tuesday the dif-ference between the winner, Attle Skaardal, of Norway, and

Girardelli crashed heavily

during the season's second

Christmas on his badly bruised

SNOW REPORTS

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very good snow but long queues matt 0 50 hard closed closed fine -2 22/12

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

ans Momaria: U 40 worth varied closed sunGood skiing still ereiliable on cry d'Err and glacier
Moritz: 20 70 good good worth fine
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fine
Good snow on Savoleyres, Mort Fort and Thyon 2000
lars: 0 2 worth varied closed fine
Limited skiing in villers. Les diablerets glacier open,
were good snow but know durance.

Mostly good skiing all over gleder but some icy

"The new systematization policy of villages, cities and towns wiped out countiess sports facilities. In Cluj, for example, a city with almost half a million inhabitants,

the no-go area surrounding the Buckarest villa of Cesusesca led to the loss of the Florence sports

The Tineretulai complex, where

decrease in the number of partici-nants. Romanian sport had been people, was invaded by party and

The winner of the last down-

hill in Schladming in 1988, Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzer-

land, improved on his third position in the first training run, to win the second. Skaardal, of Norway, showing consistent form, finished 0.31sec behind the Suite man and best of

form, finished 0.31sec bening the Swiss man and ahead of Spardellotto, of Italy, by

Ronald Duncan finished in an

impressive 23rd place, Martin Bell improved his position to

finished in a disappointing 61st place. The third and final train-

ing run yesterday was won by Zurbriggen.

The first official practice run

for the women's World Cup downhill event at Haus-im-

Enustal, Austria, on Saturday was called off yesterday for

36th, and his brother, Graha

istrative chair. Nicu Ceausescu the son of the dictator, before leaving his position as leader of the communist youth, arranged sports jobs for his friends.

One, Alexandru Parascivescu, became the secretary of the trackand-field federation. Constantin Nicolae took over ice bockey and Dorin Lancranian became the dictator at the kayak cance federation. They are all on their way out said that the man in charge was likely to sabotage the efforts to get mocratic structure in place." The Securitate had been running Romanian sport, Travelling

abroad meant getting the famous visa, in other words, an official permission that was always the privilege of the loathed secret

Securitate men, other residents at the Romanian embassies abroad or travelling with a team as the former Olympic champion and world-record holder in the wom-en's high jump, Iolanda Balas, was surprised to find out that she still had many friends. "For the last three years I

hadn't received any Christmas cards. Suddenly, after the revolution, about 30 arrived from all over the world," she said. Gheorgag Dimecs, the coach of Olympic medal-winners, Tamara

Olympic mena-winners, America.
Costache and Noemi Lung, said:
"All our results basically defy the
conditions. We had to train in cold swimming pools because of the energy saving programme. We left for a tour of the USA and

"The persecution of certain

### Skippers reject new class

The controversial proposal by the newly formed Offshore Maxi Yacht Association (OMYA) for a 60st Whithread One-design class has been given a firm rebuttle by the skippers competing in the lower order of this year's Round the World

group during the Auckland stopover, Bruno Dubois, skipper of the Belgian entry, Rucanor Sport, who has been elected as spokesman for the division 2 and 3 boats, spelt out their reasons for not wishing to compete in a One-design class.

The maxi skippers and repre-sentatives, led by Pierre Fehlmann and Harold Fehlmann and Harold Cudmore, called on Whithread

Swift victory earns Britons a share of lead

Alan Bax, of Britain, crewed by Alan Lockhart and sailing Willy Wonka, led around every mark to win the second race of the World Flying 15 class champ-ionship on Waterloo Bay yes-terday (Bob Ross writes). Bax and Lockhart, third in the first heat, share the points lead with Roger Craddock and Mat-thew Smith, of New Zealand, sailing Furthermore, who won the first race and came third in

the second.

Willy Wonks led by eight seconds at the first mark and gradually increased that lead to 2min 15sec by the finish, a big margin in a fleet of this quality.

Great Britain, 6-2, 6-0 in 51 minutes. From 1-2 in the first set, Gustafsson won 11 consecutive games to set up a quarter-final clash with Krishnan. Davis had four match points in the second set against Dan Goldie, a fellow American, but

RESULTS: Second race: 1, Willy Works (A Bax, UK); 2, Fitselt-En (G Wigg, N2), 2min 15sec betind; 3, Furthermore (R Craddock, N2), 2min 22sec; 4, Cunning Stunt (I Cleaver, Aus); 5, Bricklanding (P Gunzburg, Aus); 6, Different Priorities (J Weston, N2); 7, R U Shore (R Goodenough, UK).

French yacht, which is still at sea. He explained that most Farr to design a Round the World Race yacht suitable for series building, probably in New Zealand. The OMYA planned to control the class and draw royalties from each boat with the idea providing the associ-ation and its officers with a

was thinking who might buy and sail these yachts. Certainly not the maxi skippers who were to benefit from the deal. Now, it appears, the skippers of the smaller yachts, who were not consulted about the idea, are

outlook and would back only boats that were designed and built in their own countries, thus negating any cost savings associated with multi-

He also pointed out that much of the pre-race publicity associated with the design, planning and preparation of a Whitbread entry would be lost with a One-design. Instead, 6 Dubois suggested that the scoond division should remain orientated to the International orientated to the International Dubois spoke for all the small-boat skippers except Dan-

#### Terlain still on course after dismasting blow

60ft sloop. UAP, is still racing in the Globe Challenge non-stop single-handed round the world-race, despite having been discontinuously and the court of the cou masted 900 miles south of Cape He has turned back to an

easterly course, having been heading north, apparently towards Cape Town and retirement from the race, and has told the Paris headquarters that he plans to race on under the jury rig he has assembled from the wreckage of his original mast, Terlain and UAP were run-

ning at 15 knots under small mainsail and narrow Soling jib, with the larger genoa headsail boomed-out on the opposite side to the mainsail, when the mass collapsed, breaking in

Approaching the longitude of the Kerguelen islands, but fur-ther south at 52 South, Titouan Lamazou continues to lead by over 350 miles, but his apparent over 350 miles, but his apparent unassailability is under serious threat from Van de Heede in 36.15 Met. In the past four days VDH, as he is universally known in France, has moved up from fifth to third.

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lippe Poupon.

Although the emergency lasted 20 hours, the jury noted that Peyron did not have to turn

Northern Ireland received a £75,000 boost from Esso Sport at two sponsorship launches this week (Craig Lord writes).

In Scotland, a package of more than £55,000 will go towards the development pro-grammes of schools football, national youth swimm golf, as well as covering the costs of the 10-round Scottish champ-

youth teams in Northern Ire-land. The money will help with costs of schools football matches, the Irish Horse Trials Society's 12 one-day trials, and the international race programme of the Esso youth

swimming squads.

Some of the cash will help stage the National Boys Golf Championship, while the Esso-AAA Five-Star award scheme

for athletics, in which more than 8,000 schools in Britain participate, will also benefit. At the launch in Belfast, David Baxter, of Esso Petro-leum, said: "Our philosophy is to provide opportunities for as many young people as possible to take part in their chosen activities, as well as supporting

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open; all chairfills and lows are closed. Glassines, Lacht and Glascoer. No snow for sking at any level; access reads open; all chairfilts and town are closed. Acreach Mor: Snow level, 2,500th; vertical runs. 1,000th; Plants; upper, narrow runst; lower, no snow; access reads clear; gondola lift closed; chairfilt closed; burs closed. All areas; Cloud at summits, felling to 2,500th at times. The cloud base will fail to 2,000th in the rain, with patches at 500th. Mild generally, with freezing level rising to 5,000 or 6,500th. Winds will be south-westerly, gale force over summits. Out-look; Heavy rain at times, followed by brighter weather with showers on Friday. Snow above 2,000th. Milder again or Seturday, but continued gale-force winds over summits.

political game. "Romanian sport has been a

perfect reflection of the events in society during the past decade. It was a tragedy," Mircea Angelescu, the interim Sports Minister, said. "There was the rhetoric on the one hand; the wonderful conditions

and on the other the reality; a dwindling number of grounds and facilities, a cutback in funding, a

distance of 4.5 kilometres in over 150,000 cubic metres of artificial snow.

But preparing a fast race ski the first practice run in 31st place ahead of teammates Martin Bell, 45th, and Graham Bell,

there is only one sports complex."

complex. Sazgov Lake, on the outskirts of Bucharest, became a forbidden area and the ence famous Suzgov Regatta simply disappeared from the calendar.

I spent countless hours training in youth 25 years ago, is practically a wreck and it w huge financial effort to bring it back to a functional state again. Romanian sport, which was once

or have already gone.

Anglescu said: "I have told all federations to hold democratic, secret elections until March. We had the so-called communist elecappointed or vetted people who

Cash wins return

to active service

From Barry Wood, Sydney

Krishnan has bumpy

passage to last eight

Pat Cash yesterday played his

first competitive match since tearing an Achilles tendon last

April, as he partnered Mark Kratzmann to a 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 victory over Paul Annacone and Christo Van Rensburg in the first round New South Wales

After some problems with his serve, Cash settled down and impressed with his sharpness,

Although he is not yet ready to test himself in singles, he will perform again at the Australian

"I've got quite a way to go until I'm fully fit, but there are four weeks to the Davis Cup and I'd like to play in that, either singles or doubles," Cash said.
"Wimbledon is the first grand slam I have a chance of doing well in, and by then I should be playing really well," added the 1987 champion.

Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker, the top seeds, reached the third

round, but Tim Mayotte, the fourth seed, was beaten 7-6, 6-2 by Pete Sampras and Andres

Gomez, the sixth seed, was defeated 7-5, 6-4 by David Wheaton.

Auckland (AP) - Ramesh Krishnan, of India, the defend-

ing champion, struggled past Bruce Derlin, of New Zealand,

7-6, 7-5 yesterday to advance to the quarter-finals of the New

Krishnan, who is unseeded.

had to save two set points in the first set tie-break. He then led 4-

I in the second set but allowed Derlin back to 4-4 before taking

"You only need to turn a few

points the other way and it could have been 7-6, 7-5 for

him," Krishnan said. Derlin said that he had not played

aggressively enough in the second-round match.

Magnus Gustafsson, of Swe-

den, the third seed, Amos Mansdorf, the fifth seed, and

Scott Davis, of the United States, the eighth seed, joined Krishnan in the last eight.

Zealand Open championship.

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Stefan Edberg.

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1. 6-4. Blocker (WG) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-3. 6-2. M Wilander (Swa) bt M Rosset (Switz), 6-4. 6-2. Wearner's singles. First round: E Smyle bt L Field, 7-5, 6-7, 6-4. N Provis bt C Tarwier (Fr), 6-0, 6-2. B Smitz (Switz), 6-4. First (Switz), 6-4. N Provis bt C Tarwier (Fr), 6-5, 6-3. B Smitz (Heldt) bt J-A Faull, 8-3, 8-2: C Porwik (WG) bt P Fendlet (US), 5-7, 7-5, 6-3; J Weisner (Austria) bt K Covertnet (Fr), 7-5, 8-4; A Frazber (US) bt N Japperman (Neth), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; J Heisrof (Fr) bt L McNied (US), 6-2, 1-6, 7-5; S Safford (US) bt E Inoue (Japern), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; F N Hocalison bt R Write (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; M Boilegraf (Neth) bt A Terresevant (Huze), 6-3, 6-2. N Zwartow (USSR) bt A Kilimata (Japern), 6-3, 6-2, F R McCalison, 6-1, 8-4; I Demongato (Fr) bt H Neled (Carl), 6-2, 4-5, 7-8; H Mandelkova br E Smyle, 6-2, 6-2; R Zusbalova (US) bt Carl), 6-3, 6-3, 7-6; G Fernandez (US) bt C MacGingor (US), 6-3, 6-3, 7-6; G Fernandez (US) bt C MacGingor (US), 6-3, 6-3, 7-6; N Provis (Aus) bt R Februaris (US), 6-2, 8-2; R Fausbalova (US), 6-3, 8-3, 7-6; N Provis (Aus) bt R Februaris (US), 6-4, 6-5; C Porwek (WG), bt E Burgin (US), 6-3, 8-3; Pospisition (C2) bt P Striker (US), 6-3, 8-3; Pospisition (C2) bt P Striker (US), 6-4, 8-3; R Rough (N) bt S Strifton (US), 6-4, 5-7; B Pausbarier (Austria), 6-3, 8-2; N Zwenwe (US)R) bt L Striftz (Hein), 7-6, 6-7, 6-1; P Langrova (C2) bt T Phaips (US), 7-5, 6-3.

form beating Jeremy Bates, of

was forced into a third set before

Mansdorf, the 1988 cham-pion, beat Olivier Delaitre, of

France, 6-2, 7-5 in 74 minutes.

The Israeli will meet the winner

of today's second-round match

between Americans Jimmy

Arias and Glenn Layendecker.

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winning 6-1, 6-7, 6-2,

In an attempt to stem the endless string of defections, ath-letes have been followed abroad by

"advisers". The telephones in the entire building of the sports ministry, probably in the entire country, were tapped. Journalists at the took over positions in sport. At the same time, I had to replace some of the incumbents in some federations because athletes and coaches innocuously inside the body of the incumbers, athletes led to defections and despondency. The food was simply not good enough for top-class athletes, he said.

Australia literally

**YACHTING** 

last month to loan the OMYA iel Malle from La Poste, the \$250,000 to commission Bruce

At a meeting of the pressure The one oversight in the plan

After 24 hours of heroic improvisation in the Southern Approachi the Kerguele

The international jury has awarded Loick Peyron 14.3 hours for the time lost in standing by the capsized Phi-

back for Poupon, but sailed 60 degrees off his intended course. Alain Gautier, who also diverted towards Poupon's pos-ition, is awarded 13.3 hours.

#### Sponsor pumps money into sport More than £23,000 will go to Youth teams in Scotland and

the more talented youngsters in their aspirations to become our

TENNIS

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er close control. After an en tion with leading sporing sea and popularity. Ceaused to boss in the famous Romanian added the pages of the pages of the newspape, the television screen, he from covers are

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The only victors

patience and resolve by coming from behind to overhaul Openshaw, of Britain, showed

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# inding in Aitken confident of lifficult retaining leading role at Newcastle

Roy Aitken, who completed a £500,000 move from Celtic to a written apology yesterday Newcastle United yesterday. from a supporter who tried to said he did not believe that the attack him at St James' Park transition to second division on New Year's Day, when the football would affect his chances of leading Scotland in side were defeated by Wolverhampton Wanderers. the World Cup finals in Italy Bryan Gunn, the Norwich

aged 31, said yesterday.

a club before and this is an

exciting new challenge for me.

Newcastle to the sort of suc-cess their fans demand."

are few and far between in

football today but I am

pleased that Aitken is one of

them. I am looking to him to

do the same kind of job Archie

Gemmili did for me when I

signed him from Nottingham

Forest and he helped

Ballymena's run of good form continued with a 2-1 away win over Lame, enabling them to kepfrog over Linfield and Genavon into third place, two

points adrift of the joint leaders and one ahead of Gienavon.

Linfield have been League champions 10 times in the last

12 seasons. In winning the title last year, they dropped only 13 points, loting three matches and drawing twice, while registering 21 was to finish 12 points clear

of the pack. To date, with 14-sames played, they have had five defeats, two draws and only

Miliwall, who have first di-

vision survival on their minds

as well as an FA Cup third

round second replay, are hoping

to have winger Jimmy Carter fit

will be staged at the Den. Carter scored Millwall's goal

gainst Howard Kendall's side

Colin Hendry's eightieth-

PA CUP: Third round replays: Derington 1. Cambridge 3; Liverpool 8, Swensea 6; MB488 1, Manchestar City 1 (asc 1-1 after

1. Cartinidge 3: Liverpool 8, Swansea ut Magel 1, Manchaetar City 1 (pert 1-1 after 80 circutes).

SANCLAYS - LEAGUE: Fourth division: Burnley 3, Searborough 0.

LETLAND DAF CUPP. Preliminary round physics Mansshald 2, Leyton Orient 1.

First round: Aldershot 1, Walsall 4; Bolton 2. Lincoln 1; Cartisle 1, Stockport 2 (pert 1-1 ster 90 minutes). Doncester 2, Sury 0; Halifaz 1, York 1 (pert 0-0 after 90 minutes). Person 1, Wigen 2; Rotherham 3, Huddersfield 0; Tamere 2, Scunstorpe 1.

MAD 0 SCOTTISM LEAGUE: Personler distance Motherwell 0, Hibernlen 2. First division: Motherwell 0, Hibernlen 2. First division: Albon - Royers 0, Hamilton 0; Pariet 1, Moton 2. Second division: Stephonesour 1, Berwick 3.

AC DELCO CUP: Third round replay:

on Tuesday but failed to appear on I useday but tailed to appear for the second half because of a legingury. Without him Millwall lost the initiative and were finally forced into extra time by

What happened at Celtic is

City goalkeeper, will appear before an FA disciplinary "Andy Roxburgh (the Scotland manager) knows how I commission on January 22 to answer a charge of bringing play. In any case he has usually picked me for Scotthe game into disrepute. land on my past perfor-The FA acted after Gunn mances," the central defender,

commented in a newspaper article about incidents at the end of the Arsenal-Norwich now behind me. I've never left first division match at Highbury on November 4 aportioning blame to some I'm looking forward to helping home players. Both clubs were subsequently charged with bringing the game into disrepute and Norwich were Jim Smith, the Newcastle fined £50,000 and Arsenal manager, paid tribute to his latest charge. "Natural leaders £20,000.

Meanwhile, Arsenal have replied to the FA with their observations about the referee's report about the protests of some of their players after the 2-1 defeat by Aston Villa at Villa Park on December 30. A spokesman at Lan-Birmingham City win caster Gate said yesterday that

### Glentoran leaving their rivals behind

While Linfield, the champions, seven wins. Those statistics continue to produce inept performances — they played a goalless draw against Ards at Windsor Park on Tuesday night make for dismal reading at a club weaned on success. "We are only four points adrift and there is still 12matches to be played," Roy Coyle the Linfield manager, says. "Write us off if you wish, - their rivals, Glentoran, joined. Portadown at the top of the Irish League with a 4-0 win away over Crusaders, which makes them but we will be there at the death, mark my words. We should have beaten Ards comfortably. favourites to win their second league title in three seasons.

The provincial challenge, however, is still strong with Portadown, Glenavon.
Ballymena United and Coleraine all in the top six, which only four points separate.

The provincial challenge, however, is still strong with portage and coleraine all in the top six, which only four points separate. Somebody is going to pay for it one of these weeks."

● The Irish Cup, sponsored by Bass Ireland Ltd, will this year carry prize-money of £16,700, an increase of 10 per cent over last year (George Ace writes). The winners will receive £6,000 and the runners-up £3,300. The beaten semi-finalists pick up £1,600 each and those eliminated in the quarter-finals £550

The best junior club will receive £500 and there will be five personality-of-the-round awards of £300 each. This is the twelfth year of the Bass sponsor-

Carter is a key man for Millwall

fine chance to seal the tie for the Manchester club when he turned a cross wide of an empty goal seconds from the end of

The Miliwall manager, John

Docherty, said it would have been a tragedy for either side to have lost. "I thought it was a

tremendous cup tie and I know Howard Kendall agrees with

choice of venue on Monday and is sure that the majority of the crowd of 17.696 — Millwall's

Docherty won the toss for

Hereford will play their fourth round FA Cup tie against Manchester United a day later than scheduled, on Sunday, January 28, at the request of West Mercia police. Police have also set a crowd limit of 12,500 at Elm Park for Reading's fourth round tie against Newcastle.

Alan Ball, the Stoke City manager, is set to sell Nicky Morgan to Mick Mills, at present in charge of Colchester United, for the second time in three years. Stoke have taken Gunnar Kislason, the Icelan-dic international defender, on a week's trial.

Sheffield Wednesday also acquired a cosmopolitan note yesterday when two members of the United States World Cup squad - Tony Meola, the goalkeeper, and John Harks, a midfield player - joined the club to train. "We've heard good things about these two lads and they are coming over initially to have a look at the way we do things and we'll take it from there," Ron

#### Little hope for Dublin club bid

By a Special Correspondent

The so far unborn Dublin city football club, which has no players and no home ground, has been given the thumbs down in the Republic of Ireland and Scotland just 24 hours after its unique and almost cheeky application to join the Scottish second division next season was lodged. The idea was launched by a consortium of Dublin by a consortium of Dublin businessmen and ex-frish international players, who have £2.5 million to invest in it. But both the Scottish FA and league have just about passed it off as one of those Irish jokes, with a touch of the blarney. The Football Association of Ireland and Irish league have followed suit.

The Scottish League com-

The Scottish League committee will discuss the application tonight, but it it is likely to be decided by the 38 Scottish League clubs. Enda McGuill, the president of the League of Ireland, said: "There is no way that an Irish club can hope to compete in Scotland." Dr Tony O'Neill, the FAI general secretary, could "see little prospect of it being approved".

to all of them."

# Mansdorf's place in danger

Tel Aviv (Reuter) - The Israel Tennis Association (ITA) is to consider dropping Amos Mausdorf from the Israeli Davis Cup team over comments he made on Nazi Germany, a senior tennis official said

This week Mansdorf Israel's leading player, said in defence of playing in South Africa that he would probably have played in Nazi Germany because he did

"We take an extremely grave view of this remark in whatever context and whatever provoca-tion it was made," Kollie Friedenstein, chairman of the ITA, said. "Our presidium will deside how to rest to decide how to react to Mansdorf's deplorable out-

politics. "We take an extremely grave

Total concentration: Ivan Lendl reacts to a shot from his opponent, Andrew Sznajder, during their match in the New South Wales championships in Sydney yesterday. Report, page 38

Israeli politicians and news-

### **McEnroe** makes effort

Adelaide (Reuter) — John McEnroe, who once vowed never to play again in Australia, is making a big effort to prepare for next week's Australian Open, despite dismissing it as less important than the other grand slam events. He began his

grand stam events. He began his preparations at the Rio Inter-national Challenge in Adelaide. "I tried to get down here as early as I could to give myself the best chance," he said. "I feel like I'm as prepared as I have been, but it's always been a difficult tournament for me." and Keith Stevens said afterwards: "I felt a bit sorry for Hurlock. Really, he had some great shots but I managed to get Last year, he won a rock star's welcome when he returned to the Australian Open for the first time since December 1985. He

again after clashes with the media and a shock defeat to Yugoslav Slobodan Zivo-The move from the Kooyong

grass to Flinders Park changed all that and this year, despite insisting that the Open was "not as important as the other big tournaments", McEnroe said he was making a big effort to acclimatize to the Australian

"It's tough, if you go out there and it's 140" Fahrenheit [60°C] on the court, anything could happen. There's not that many guys that are at their best formwise."

news conference after anti-apartheid demonstrators had disrupted his first round match in the New Zealand Open championships in Auckland on Monday.

Asked by a reporter if he

would have played in Nazi Germany, Mansdorf said: "If I could have, I probably would. I wish I had the chance." Pinhas Goldstein, an Israeli MP, called for Mansdorf to be nned from the Davis Cup

team as unworthy to represent his country.

Mansdorf said in a statement:

Mansdorf said in a statement:
"Looking back on it, what I said
may have lent itself to misinterpretation. Yet, in reflecting on
the past couple of days I believe
that the subject matter was
grossly taken out of context."
The Foreign Ministry has
pressed the ITA for several years
to prevent Mansdorf playing in
South Africa in line mith. South Africa, in line with a

government policy discouraging sporting links with Pretoria. Mansdorf, ranked 39th in the orld, won the South African Open in 1986 and competed again in Johannesburg in 1987. He is due to play for Israel against Argentina in a Davis Cup tie in Buenos Aires beginning on February 2.

#### **OLYMPIC GAMES**

### Berlin bid gains momentum

Berlin (Agencies) — Hopes of Games but how they will hold staging a historic joint Olympic Games in East and West Berlin

The IOC will decide on the have been boosted by two new important pledges of support. The city of Hamburg is withdrawing its bid to host the Games in the year 2,000 or 2,004 in order to switch its support to Refin support to Berlin.

East Germany's National Olympic Committee gave official approval to the project at a meeting last weekend, and West Berlin officials now want the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to discuss a joint bid at a meeting later this year.

"The last time I scored three was before I went to Italy, when we won 4-3 against Leicester City." Tuesday's goals took his tally to

Scotland's assistant manager, Craig Brown, was at last night's Everton v Middlesbrough re-play to check on the form of the Everton midfield player Stuart McCall-

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

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venue for the 1996 Games at its Tokyo session in September. It is believed to be sympathetic towards the idea of a joint Berlin Games, but is not scheduled to decide on the venue for the year 2,000 event before 1993. Hamburg's early withdrawal

from West Germany's Olympic race, announced by the mayor, Henning Voscherau, came as a boost to Berlin but a surprise to the rest of West Germany's Olympic candidates. Apart from a solitary West Berlin stadium which holds 3,000, Berlin cannot presently boast any arenas capable of hosting Olympic competition. Hans-Juergen Kuhn, who heads West Berlin council's Olympic organisation committee, said the two states needed to reach a political agreement on the issue and sharpen their plans before an "East Germany's agreement to the plan brings the bope that

several new arenas will come out of it," Kuhn said. The West German Govern-"We want the IOC then to ment said last month it would provide funds to improve the city's transport system and communications, following

try last staged the Munich in 1972.

East German track and field officials have recommended Schmidt be given permission to compete for West Germany, an East German newspaper has

the top-ranked discus throwers in the world, although he will be the East German national team in 1981 and sent to prison in 1982 after stating his wish to

German sports authorities was Olympic champions Juergen Schult, a discuss thrower, and Ulf Timmermann and Udo Beyer, both shot putters. Schmidt, a former world-record holder, was allowed to

#### **Make-believers** hang on punch word of preacher

BOXING

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Atlantic City

the ring an American journalist, appalled by the physical con-dition of the former world heavyweight champion, asked him: "Don't you think you risk

being taken for a comman?"
Foreman, who had found himself in the lost 10 years and had become a preacher, replied: "I am a preacher. It is my job to make people believe me." You can say he has succeeded admirably.

Now, after three years and having clubbed to the floor 18 out of 19 specially picked unfortunates, the preacher has enough people believing in his boxing cause to enable Bob Arum, the promoter, to put on a bout between him and Gerry Cooney, another lost cause, that will guarantee \$1 million to the preacher and \$1 million to the

Cooney, aged 33, has not boxed since he was knocked out by Michael Spinks 21/2 years ago. In those intervening years Fore-man even managed to persuade Cooney to invest money in his comeback and Gentleman Gerry Promotions staged several of Foreman's bouts. Whatever next? Tyson, of course. Foreman has been given a

contract by Don King, the big American promoter, but Foreman is still thinking about it. No doubt a lot more believers will have to be won to make that match a paying one. Even Foreman's eight children (of whom three are called George and one Georgina) are not absolutely convinced. They joke about their father's perfor-mance. "We turned on the television but we saw some sumo wrestler," they say. Foreman, who is a minister in his Church of the Lord Jesus

Christ in Houston, Texas, first felt the power of God after his defeat by Jimmy Young in San the lot.

When George Foreman started Juan, Puerto Rico, in 1977. It his return at the age of 38 and was oppressively hot and when after an absence of 10 years from he went back to his dressingroom Foreman says he saw Christ. "I met up with Jesus Christ himself," Foreman said. "It took me apart not being a Christian; scared me a little, too. I actually died, then life came back into me after a moment's

> He went home and put away all his trophies and photographs and put boxing and the past out of his life. He settled in a town called Humble and started his church. He preached at street corners and his children were his choir. "People will always weep when they hear young chillun singing, he said yes-terday after training, revealing a way with words.

He returned to boxing to make money to help street children. Once a street boy himself, he said: "In those days there were no role models on television like we have today. We looked up to guys from prison, guys with scars."
Foreman did not have a scar,

so he went about with a sticking plaster on his face. He uses his money for his church and the George Foreman Youth Center

Strong though he has been in his new calling, there has always been one temptation he has been unable to resist — that of cheeseburgers. Foreman said that as a boy he could not afford to go into the Dairy Queen, so when he became rich he could not stop eating cheeseburgers. He could not stay away from Big Macs, Wendy, Burger King and Jack in the Box. He kept going back for more and was so

embarrassed by his craving that he drove up in different cars each time and once even hired a truck. Sometimes he tried to give the impression he was having a party and bought other

#### WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

#### World Cup may remove prejudice male institution." Linda White-

As the spotlight focuses on the sport's premier event in Italy this summer, preparations for another international football spectacle are in full swing.
Millions of supporters are

eagerly awaiting the sick-off of the men's World Cup, but few are aware of plans to stage the first women's corresponding

event.

Women football players have struggled for years to be taken seriously and officials see the 12-nation tournament, to be held in China in November 1991, as a big step.

"Women have proved they can play football with the same skill as men," Miguel Galan, a spokesman for the International Football Federation (FIFA), said.

Galan said FIFA had decided

to organize the event, after the huge success of a trial world championship in China last year when Norway beat Sweden in a final watched by a capacity crowd of 80,000. Women's football rarely ap-

pears on sports pages or tele-vision screens, but on the field the game has been steadily gaining players and supporters FIFA, which gave its official

blessing to women's football only in 1971, wants to see the game included in the 1996 Olympics, Galan said. But while teams - and in some cases a women's league and national side – players everywhere still complain that outdated prejudices are hindering the dev-

elopment of their sport. "Football is traditionally a

head, secretary of the English Women have been playing football in England for more than a century, but the sport is still fighting to be taken seriously by schools and to attract funds at club level.

In Scandinavia, the heartland of women's football, enthusiasts have encountered fewer ob-stacles. "Women's football has virtually exploded in Norway in recent years," Guttorn Dilling, the national team organizer, said. Dilling said Norway had about 2,300 girls' and women's teams compared with 500 a

decade ago.

Officials are optimistic the game will continue growing in the next decade, but some predict it will never attract media attention or financial backing of the men's game, Even in Sweden and Norway public support for the same is limited, with the average wom-en's match drawing about 200 spectators, compared to 4,000 for top men's games. But Whitehead believes the women's game, played to the same rules as the men's but over 80 instead of 90 minutes, has as much to

"It's more interesting to watch because women have to rely on skilful play rather than physical strength. The pace of the game is slower, but both sides play attacking games rather than one side relying on defensive strategy so it's more exciting," she said.

The English women's cup

final televised for the first time in April, attracted 2.3 million viewers and triggered a surge of

### Sprint coach left out

By Peter Bryan

The last of England's teams for the Commonwealth Games fly to Auckland today, but the track squad will be without national sprint coach, Dave Le Grys, a past Games medal winner. Le Grys said yesterday that he had always expected to travel but learned just before Christ-mass that a place would not be made for him. made for him.

Seven officials, including a sports psychologist, accompany sports psychologist, accompany the 21-strong squad. The team is below strength with top rated sprinter, Neil Potter still recov-ering from a badly broken leg after colliding with a car last month.

petition for some months

#### RUGBY UNION

#### Gloucester in toast to new sponsor deal

The West country giants, Gloucester, are set to secure one of the biggest club sponsorship deals in rugby union history with a £250,000 link-up with Rass the brewery.

Bass is believed to be giving the money to Gloucester over the remainder of this season and the next three.

Neither the club nor Bass South would confirm the exact amount, but the Gloucester secretary, Terry Tandy, said: "We like to think of ourselves

as one of the top clubs and now one of the top brewers is thinking the same and backing us. It is nice to be recognised in

this way."

Tandy said the money would help the club with its ambitious £500,000 development of 14 hospitality suites at one end of the Kingsholm Ground.

The Bass South managing director, Clive Buckle, said: "We are delighted to sponsor the great club Gloucester and look forward to its triumphant progress."
Gloucester, who have played

the first half of this season without a big sponsor, were previously supported by the rival brewery, Whitbread.

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Great Britain and Ireland main-

The only victory for Australia was by Colin Pickering, who with a triple peel in crories thing contest between the two No. Is.
Robert Fulford and Colin Irwin Rive their respective opponents, George Latham and Greg Bury, late chances to recover but they

in the final match David



Eleazer Hoses LEAGUE: Westpale Insurance Cup: Third mainst, second leg: Gloucoster 4, Moor Green 3 (act 5-5 on agg). Penaler division: Gravesand 1, Cambridge 1, Seathern division: Winney 2, Hastings 1, Postponed: Erith and Belvedare v Shoppey.

Portsmouth U, Chelses 1.
SASTRACE RISH LEAGUE: Linfield 0,
Ards 0; Bengor 2, Newry 0; Crussders 0,
Gendoren 4; Lame 1, Ballymens 2.
CAPITAL FRANCE AND LEASING
SOUTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Exeter 0, Bristol City 1; Plymouth Argyle 1,
Bristol Rovers 0.

HPS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Rossendale 2, Eastwood 0, Second round region: Suction 1, South Liverpool 2 (ast).

BASKETBALL

BRISINGHAM SENIOR CUP: Fourth round: Helesowen 2, VS Rugby 2. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Coventry 1, Manchester City 2; Shelfield United 1, Leads 0. Postponet: Bradford v Liverpool. OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Portsmouth 0, Chaissa 1.

Waiting for the eventual win-mers of this tie will be Cam-bridge United who put out Darlington, the last of the non-League sides, before a crowd of eethams for three years.

Darlington scored first through Les McJannett but were then undone by the pace of John Taylor, who volleyed a spectacular equalizer and proved a real handful for the

Philpott and Dublin added further goals for Cambridge who could do with the sort of cash windfall a visit to Maine Road would provide for their first team squad consists of no more than 13 players.

lan Rush scored three goals in game for Liverpool for the first at the start of last season as Swansea were buried 8-0 in the Anfield replay. Rush, who had scored twice on five previous occasions this season, recalled:

discuss the fact we are prepared to stage the Games," Kuhn said. "It is no longer a question of whether Berlin will hold the TABLE TENNIS

IOC meeting next September.

PETERBOROUGH: International match: England 3, Calma 3 (English names Brot; N Mason tost to Wel Cuting Genop. 16-21, 20-22, A Cook bt U Shen Tong. 21-14, 14-21, 21-18; C Preen bt Chen Longoun. 22-20, 15-21, 25-23, Cooks bt Wel, 21-11; 31-77; Stanon tost to Chen, 14-21, 9-21; Preen lost to Yu, 19-21, 12-

ADELAKUE: Rise international challenge: S Editory (Swe) bt D Catali (Ass), 5-1, 6-3; J McEnroe (US) bt H Laconie (Fr), 6-0, 6-2,

VOLLEYBALL Sear Motorians
Hitton Leeds
Liverpool City
Star Aquile
Poole
MGI Wessex
Bristol Poly
Time Out Spark
Dynamo Londori

**YACHTING** 

medal winner Delhi (Reuter) - A leading Chinese woman athlete has

port had revealed.

The official of the Indian
Athletics Federation, who requested anonymity, said yes-

testerone to epitesterone ratio"
and traces of Meianienone and Methiltestosterone were found. The International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) technical director, Mike Gee, had received notification of a

The official said Sun would probably be stripped of her medals, giving the Indian, Shiny Abraham, the 800 metres gold.

reported.

Schmidt, who is still one of

move to West Germany.

The newspaper said the recommendation to the East made by a track and field commission that included

leave East Germany in November 1987 and resettled in West

**ATHLETICS** 

#### Positive drugs test by Chinese

tested positive for drugs at the Asian track and field champion ships here last November, a senior Indian athletics official said an International Olympic Committee (IOC) laboratory re-

terday the report named Sun Sumei, gold medal winner in the 800 metres and anchor of Chi winning women's relay team.

The official said the report. prepared by the IOC-accredited Mitsubishiyuka Laboratory in Tokyo, found Sun's urine sam-ple contained "a higher

quent stops for Berglund's benefit also cost time, but the pair are confirmed in London that he Tuesday.

MOTOR RALLYING

#### Shinozuka overcomes French domination

spot by winning the twelfth stage of the Paris to Dakar rally yesterday. Ari Vatanen, the Finn, drove his Peugeot 405 into tree, got lost and had to stop several times because his codriver, Bruno Berglund, of Sweden, was ill, but still retained his overall lead.

previous stage, lost more than 40 minutes overall. Vatagen's collision broke his compass after 270km of the

638km stage, an accident which badly dented a rear wing. Fre-

well-placed to retain the title when the race finishes next

Bjorn Waldegaard, of Sweden.

The motorcycles also had their problems, the leaders all straying from the course after about 300km. Jorge Arcarons, of winning the stage.

than an hour over another Spaniard, Carlos Mas Samora.

to Timbuktoo.

RESULTS: Care: Twelfith stage (Namey to Gao, 638tm): 1, K Shinozuka (Japan).

Missubshi. 3:01:12 penalties: 2, A Ambrosino (Fr), Peugeot 205, at 6:21; 3, M Pristo-Perus (Sp). Missun. 6:40; 4, B Waldegaard (Swe), Peugeot 405, 6:58; 5, H Auriol (Fr), Buggy, 9:09; 6, A Coward (Sh), Missubshi, 9:39, Overall peakinosa: 1, A Vetanan (Fr), Peugeot 405, 20:56; 33; 2, P Wardbergue (Fr), Peugeot 205, at 1:23:43, 3, Waldegaard, 1:24:49; 4, Ambrosino, 3:51:29; 5, Cowan, 4:18,48; 6, Shinozuka, 5:23:48, Biotencycless: Stages: 1, J Arcarons (Sp), Cagiva, 5:56:43; 2, A De-port (Ith, Cagiva, at 17sac; 3, F Picco (It), Yamaha, 2:45; 4, E Oriofi (B), Cagiva, 2:52; 5, C Mas-Samora, at 1:11:21; 3, Picco, 226:11; 4, T Magnatid (Fr), Yamaha, 2:41:03; 5, G Picard (Fr), Sonauto Yamaha, 2:56:38.

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Christchurch from January Table 16B and he names first! M The last to C Pickering, +19, -177P, -17, 50 Openshaw to A Cleberd, -17, +25, 17 referred bt G Lattern, +177P, -17, +25; C Insto bt G Bury, +17, -4, +18.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (REAL: New York Kinicks 131, Washington Builets 127 (CIT); Los Angeles Ciopers 168, Cumente Homess 98, Durroll Petons 100, Chicago Buils 90; San Ankonio Spars 97, Massa Heat 102; New Jersey Nets 87, Boston Cettics 76; Phoenix Suns 121, Los Angeles Laters 118 (CIT); Rouston Flockets 97, Seattle Supersonics 90; Secremento (Engs 84, Minnesota Tamber-volves 70. earns reward

> POL ROGER VARSITY CUP: Cembridge ht Oxford, 0.2sec average, Individual times: Cembridge: P Cosmbs (Pambroke), 53.47sc; Lord Dalmany (Trinky), 51.48; J Brooklebens; (Hagdelmon), 53.61; E J Pacles Drum-Love (Hughes Hall), 52.12. Oxford: T Elbrids (Brasences), 49.80; Primos Metamich-Resider (Ories), 53.54; C G Egeston-Warburton (Christowich), 65.28; Lord Wrottansky (New Costens), 52.11 CRICKET

SYDNEY: These-day seatch: Young England 159 for 6 v New South Wales under-19. No play because of rain. Match drawn. DARTS FRISH BY GREEN: Endoney World Champ-lenship: Second reund: C Lezargetic Surmy) bt J Hoffmern (Det), 3-0; P Lin (US) bt J McKlerva (Ire), 3-2; P Taylor (Staffs) bt D Hckling (Grish), 3-0; R Sharp (Scot) bt J Lowe (Dechyshire), 3-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BIRMINGHAM MHOSHIRES INDOOR LEAGUE Glowich 6, Sourport 6; Slowich 6, Bournette 9; Cardill 0, Slourport 5; Cardill 0, Sourport 6, Francisco 3; East Grindson 5, Old Louphonisms 5; Houtstow 8, Stackheeth 6, AgPH/ESENTATIVE MATCH: Essex 2, London University 2. ICE HOCKEY MATICINAL MOCKEY LEAGUE (MML): Detroit Red Wings 9, Minnesota Morth Sters 9: Qualter Mordiques 5, Morthes Camadens 2: Estimonton Ollers S, Calgary Fatnes 2 (OT); St Louis Ellute 4, Los Angeles Kings 3.

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: Tradegar 19, South Glamor-GEN INSTITUTE 24. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: FIAF 17, CME ice 24. TTISKE Pertin Academy 0, St Eloyiskus 64. SQUASH RACKETS PRINTER PREMIER LEAGUE: Vitinge Lobruse Hotels; (Manchester) 3, Lumbs (London) 2, Weir Systems Surrey (Surbiton) 0; Leekes Weish Wizards (Cardin) 5, Emblesy Edipheston Prior (Signiladaum)

BRISSEAME: Flying 15 world championship: First race: 1, Furthermore (R Craddock, NZ); 2. Different Priorities (J Weston, NZ); 3. Willy Wonta (A Bax, GB); 4, Fitsch-Eh (G Wig, NZ); 5, Dusty (A Dison, GB), Other Belisher 13, R U Shore (R Goodenough); 16, Sybii (I Handloy); 19, City Lights (R Salmond); 22, Crucial Morman (R Sidpoorth).

positive A sample from 20 urine samples analysed after the

## Gao, Mali (Agencies) - Kenjiro Shinozuka, of Japan, removed the Peugeot drivers out of top

Shinozuka, who won the longest stage last Saturday, succeeded here by by over six minutes in his Mitsubishi. Alain Ambrosino, the Frenchman driving the Peugeot team's 205 back-up car, was second. Vatanen, who had had every-thing his own way until the

Peugeot have retained the four leading places in the rally. Philippe Wambergue moved to 1hr 23min behind Vatanen, and

#### stood another minute adrift. Ambrosino was almost four hours down.

Spain, on a Cagiva, was not with them and took advantage by But the Italian, Edi Orioli, another Cagiva rider, was less than three minutes down and he maintained his lead of more

The 13th stage on Thursday takes the race a further 412 kms to Timbuktoo.

**Bryant** 

brought

in from

the cold

By David Rhys Jones

wealth Games at Auckland

will be three bowlers who were

forced to miss the last Games

at Edinbargh, because they were considered to be pro-

been readmitted to the ama

teur ranks may interest follow

David Bryant and Teay Allock, of England, and Willie Wood for Scotland were perso-

nae non gratae at Balgreen; all

three will play at Pakuranga, thanks to a nifty redefinition of the word "amateur" by the

International Bowling Board

been stung by the sight of Wood, the 1982 gold medal

winner, paying to go through

while just down the road at

Daley Thompson, Seb Coe and Fatima Whitbread were

Wood was then - and still is

- a modest, self-employed

burned his boats by winning a

few thousand pounds — thanks to his ability to roll woods in

the right direction at the right

Eligibility rules

rapidly redrawn

term, the IBB, in its wisdom.

decreed that "all players are

these whose principal sour

playing the game of bowls". The two key words seeme

to be "principal" and "play-

ing", suggesting that if you

earned less than helf your

income from actually playing

and therefore eligible fo

Bryant and Allcock had also

been denied a trip to Brisbane

four years before Edinburgh. Bryant, of course, was the first self-styled bowls professional, exchanging his teaching post for a career as a bowls

Their status as nouveaux

amateurs is not as clear cut as

Wood's, because both,

frankly, make a living out of bowls, even if they claim, with

some justification, that the

own companies than they do

from "playing bowls". The

point is that talking or writing

about bowls and selling or

endorsing equipment does not

Before they were selected for Auckland, however, the two Englishmen had to state

whether their "annual income

from playing bowls exceeded

their expenses by an excessive

bowls, you were an an

selection for the Games.

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itors in the XIVth Cor

The financially stricken Great Britain Luge Association is ready to throw in the towel and abandon its fight for survival. "It's simply impossible for us to carry on any longer," Chris Dyason, the secretary, admitted last night.

"We've told our two top ompetitors, Nick Ovett and Annabel Nash, that there's no way we can support them any more after this weekend's European championships in

Igls.
"The way things are at the moment it could be the end of the Great Britain Lage Associ-ation. We're run by a five-man committee who are personally responsible for guaranteeing our bank overdraft. We're over £1,000 in debt, and with the Sports Council still refusing us any assistance, we simply can't carry the burden any

longer," Dyason said.
"The Sports Council are pposed to be the government body that encourages and supports sport. But in our case they have done the opposite. It was typical of the way they work that they left it until a couple of weeks before the start of the season before

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informing us we would be receiving nothing from them in the way of an annual grant this

"You could not run a business under such circum stances, and despite all our leas for belp, none has been forthcoming. We've never stopped trying to attract some sponsorship and will continue to do so. But the simple truth of the matter is that we can't afford to operate any longer.

"There's no money to buy etrol for our minibus, which is our only asset, and no money to pay for our coach, or even for track fees. It's sad to say, but we've reached the end of

"For the people involved it's a real tragedy because a lot of hard work has gone into establishing our credibility in the sport."

Four years ago, following the Coe Report, the Luge Association was awarded £60,000 as its slice of the cake leading up to the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. The grant was cut to £20,000 last winter and wiped out altogether this season.

"The reasons we were given were because we were not a mass-participant sport and don't cater for the old, disabled or disadvantaged," Dyason said. "But it wouldn't cost a lot to enable Nick and Annabel to compete in the last four rounds of the World Cup and the world champiouships in Calgary next month."

Nick Ovett, the younger brother of Steve Ovett, is also likely to be forced out of the sport after the European championships this weekend.

# Britain's Liverpool may be A conducted tour of Gooch luge body on forced to restore the slide fences at Anfield By Chris Moore

"We have taken down the

course of a match. They must

concerned about what hap-

we do not want to do," he

Liverpool, who have al-

ready announced their inten-

tion to make Anfield an all-

a safety first strategy follow-

ing discussions with the club's

"It may be too much of a

risk to play him this weekend,

but a friendly match is the ideal way in which to ease him

The United board of direc-

tors will discuss Luton's re-

quest for an extension to

Donaghy's loan period, which expires on Monday. With

Ferguson keen to keep Les Sealey, the Luton goalkeeper who is on loan with United,

that request will almost cer-

United's FA Cup fourth

round tie against Hereford

United has been put back to

request of West Mercia police,

unable to cope with a Saturday

McAvennie, who broke his

the season, was at Lilleshali

course. He hopes to resume

play next month.

tainly be granted

warned yesterday that it might bars in what they refer to as be necessary to reinstate perimeter fencing in front of visiting supporters should deserve," he said. there be a repetition of the pitch invasions that marred Tuesday night's FA Cup refencing at our ground but now play against Swansea City.

Twice in the second half of a eame that Liverpool won 8-0. iwansea supporters breached a police cordon in front of the Anfield Road stand and ran

Although stewards and police officers quickly apprehended the culprits and ejected them from the stadium, the match had to be halted during the second incident when a lone supporter ran the length of the pitch with his arms raised aloft.

Peter Robinson, the chief executive of Liverpool, said that safety and security regulations at Anfield would have to be reviewed if similar events happened in the future.

"Supporters have complained for a very long time seat stadium within the next that they have been treated two years, have made strenu-

Manchester United and Eng-

land, is expected on Monday

than three weeks (Ian Ress

Robson has been pencilled in to play against Luton Town at Kenilworth Road in a

testimonial game for Mal Donaghy, the United defender

who is on loan to Luton.

Robson has been unable to

puscle at Antield on Decem-

ber 23, and has been receiving

intensive treatment. He has

missed United's last four

games, including Sunday's FA

Cup third round win over

Nottingham Forest at the City

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, had been consid-ering including Robson in the side for the Saturday's game

the Commercial Managers'

in the Football League Exec-

utive Staffs Association

Signy writes).

against Derby County at Old fixture.

Blower seeks apology

Frank McAvennie, the £1.25 (FLESA) was celebrating his

million West Ham United and 48th birthday. He has taken

Scotland forward, is being legal advice but yesterday told

called on to publicly apologize his solicitors to hold affidavits

to Brian Blower, the club's from independent witnesses

commercial manager, follow- about an alleged assault in

ing an incident at a private front of his wife and three

party in an Essex hotel just children, pending an apology. before Christmas (Dennis

Liverpool Football Club like animals and put behind ous attempts to improve spectator safety and comfort in the cages. They have said that wake of last season's Hillsfootball clubs do not treat borough disaster. them with the respect they

Robinson pointed out: "We are trying to create a stadium where people can watch foot-

THE TIMES

we find supporters abusing "We would like to think their new found freedom by that we provide all visiting running onto the pitch. supporters with a good seat Supporters really cannot which provides a good vancriticize clubs if they cannot tage point. behave themselves during the

referee and the police is that Tuesday night's incidents were born out of high spirits act in a more responsible but, even so, we do not want to see a repeat."

Doug Sharpe the chairman pened on Tuesday night. If we were to find this sort of thing of Swansea City, also conhappening on anything like a regular basis we would have to demned those supporters involved in the invasious. "It is consider putting up fencing in front of the visiting supporters not good for Swansea City and it is not good for football when and that is something which a few mindless idiots try to take the gloss off what was a big occasion," he said.

Merseyside Police said yes-terday that of the 10 people arrested in or near the ground on Tuesday night, only two were from South Wales.

#### Robson may play in Luton testimonial A surprise departure by Turner

Chris Turner, the Cambridge United manager for the last four years, stunned the club yesterday by announcing his resignation 12 hours after they had earned an FA Cup fourth round tie against either Millwall or Manchester City.

being a goal down in a third Tuesday night to win 3-1, but did little to influence

"I know this will come as shock to most people, but i

Lawrie McMenemy yesterday pulled out of the race to replace John Gregory as man ager of Portsmouth because he is still committed to their rivals Southampton.

McMenemy, a frequent visitor to Fratton Park since his career collapsed at Sunderland, said he was not interested in the vacancy caused by Gregory's sacking last week after only 50 weeks in charge.

Cambridge hit back from

round replay at Darlington on Turner's decision.

have been thinking about it for 10 days. I decided it was time for a change," Turner

John Beck, his assistant, will carry on for the rest of the season, but Turner, a major shareholder, still wants to be connected - as a possible

Frank Burrows, the assis-Blower, who is chairman of left leg on the opening day of tant manager, will continue as caretaker for the moment. Association and a leading light yesterday on a rehabilitation Earlier this week, Portsmouth signed Mick Hazard, of Chel-

Richard Jenkins, chairman

of the Hove club, has with-

drawn his proposal to play a

match at Brighton and Hove

Albion football ground on

bring aid to the Romanian

"We were the last union to

visit Romania, in May, and

the hospitality we were offered under such difficult circum-

stances was marvellous,"

the Rugby Union, said.

Dudley Wood, the secretary of

After the revolution, page 38

Ayr sign a

Gretzky

Ayr Raiders have signed Keith

Gretzky, the younger brother of Wayne, the world's leading

ice hockey player, as a

replacement for the injured

Gretzky will make his debut

for Ayr in the Heineken

League match at home to

Peterborough Pirates on

here is to stage Formula One

testing sessions next week, a

sign that international motor

racing may return to South

Cuskin leads

Danny Shea.

Saturday,



Packing his bag for the West Indies: Gooch, the England cricket captain, under close press surveillance after he and his team trained at Lilleshall yesterday. Report, page 35

## Senna must eat humble pie to renew his licence

Ayrton Senna's war of words with the governing body of

motor sport took an ugly turn yesterday when Jean-Marie Balestre, the FIA president, announced that the sport's World Council had refused to grant him a licence to take part in the 1990 world champion-

Senna has until February 15 to reapply for his licence, but Balestre said that any application would be refused unless he withdrew the allegations he had made to the media that the 1989 championship had been manipulated by the French-dominated FIA to give the title to Alain Prost, his Marlboro McLaren team partner.

The FIA president said that Senna had refused to withdraw his allegations when

asked to do so at an FIA teries" in preparation for the hearing into the matter early new season, it now seems in December and that his arrogant behaviour on that make some sort of public occasion had shocked mem- retraction. bers of the council.

The Brazilian driver, who won the world championship in 1988, but then had an acrimonious relationship with Prost throughout most of last season, was fined £61,000 and given a suspended six-month ban for dangerous driving, following the controversial collision between the two drivers in the Japanese grand prix, the outcome of which effectively handed the 1989 title to Prost.

certain that he will have to

Meanwhile, McLaren have their own dispute with the FIA over Senna's disqualification from the Japanese race, in which his car was first across the finishing line, and have intimated that they will pursue this matter through all the legal processes available to achieve justice and fair play.

However, Senna's remarks concerning the drivers' title are a separate issue, and the team and its sponsors will be expecting him to make him-Although Senna was in no self available for the first race mood to retract his comments in Phoenix in March, no before he returned home from matter how much humble pie Paris to "recharge his bat- he has to eat to do so.

**Bowls has shown** 

the way ahead

Now that's an entirely different bowls game. Players who could justifiably claim their earnings from playing programme because of secbowls were not their principal) income found it much harder unity concerns over the straight, but agreed to protect to swear that such earnings had not exceeded their ex-January 31 to allow time for penses. But now they were negotiations with race orbeing asked whether the exganizers, the Automobile Club

cess, if any, was "excessive". "I've been playing bowls for more than 40 years," Bryant Balestre said 100 lives had said, "and I can guarantee that been lost on the Mulsanne I've spent a lot more on straight in 35 years, 83 of them playing the game during that in a horrific accident in 1955 time than I've ever earned in when a Mercedes ploughed prize-money." Maybe so ... through a crowd of spectators. but was that the question he was being asked? Nobody seemed to know, but his answer clearly satisfied the

> Bowls, happily, faces this problem only once every foor years. The terms "amatem" and "professional" became irrelevant as soon as bowle went "open" in 1981, and no problems have arisen subsequently - except when eligibility for Commonwealth Games is discussed.

Everyone, in every sport, surely wants the Commonwealth Cames to be the stage for the very top performers-Without the Bryants, Alicocks and Woods, the 1986 Games were seriously devalued in the estimation of every bowls follower. They are welcome back.

Surely there is an overwhelming case for sport to be neither amateur (impossible these days) nor professional (few can earn a living playing sport) but simply "open" Bowis, albeit unwittingly, may be playing a valuable pioneer ing role as sport prepares 👯

FISA has Le Mans doubts

of this year's Le Mans 24-hour sports car race going ahead sport's governing body set a ous new condition on resuming talks on the event's future.

president of the International Motor Sports Federation given (FISA), told a news conference there would be no more negotiations with Le Mans organizers until they apologized publicly for what he called "a campaign of defama-

SPORT IN BRIEF

Paris (Reuter) - The chances tion against FISA". Balestre added that FISA still insisted that two chicanes receded yesterday when the be built on the track's notoriseven-kilometre its place in the calendar until Mulsanne straight, where speeds of more than 400kph Jean-Marie Balestre, the had been recorded, before approval for the race could be

> No foreign drivers would be able to take part in the race if FISA's approval was withheld, he said. Last month FISA removed

the Le Mans event from this

Hands off Sydney (AP) - Jeff Fenech, of Australia, who hopes to add the World Boxing Council super-featherweight championship to three titles he has already won at different

Early start

Auckland (AP) - Ghana arrived yesterday for the Commonwealth Games, the first national team to do so and three days before the

The Rugby Football Union will stage an international coaching conference from October 15 to 18 next year as part of three congresses planned by the International Rugby Football Board as part the 1991 World Cup. Scotland will host a medical July. conference and Wales a refcrees conference.

Stewards rule Rouse results can count Andy Rouse has won his

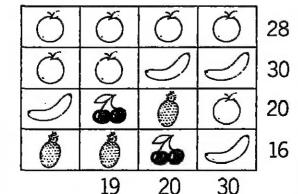
de l'Ouest (ACO).

appeal against disqualification from two rounds of last year's British touring car championship. The verdict of the RAC stewards means Rouse wins class A of the championship and is third overall. Rouse's results in the races

at Silverstone on Grand Prix weekend and at Brands Hatch a week later were struck out after an allegation that the turbocharger on his Ford Sierra RS500 had been modified. Colin Wilson, an RAC Motor Sport Association spokesman, said yesterday: The stewards accepted the work he had done on his turbocharger was a repair rather than a modification."

There is no date to hear Allan McNish's appeal against disqualification from his British Formula Three win last

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#### All-clear for Raducanu to play in Scotland

Cristian Raducanu, the to play in a fund-raising match Romanian lock forward, who defected after the game against been called off (David Hands Scotland last month, has been writes). given permission by the Romanian authorities to play in Scotland

Raducanu, aged 22, disappeared from his hotel shortly after the post-match April 29, though he was dinner and requested to stay commended by the RFU yesin Britain. Since then his terday for his enthusiasm to whereabouts have been a carefully guarded secret but he is federation. believed to have close contacts with Boroughmuir.

This latest development is bound to fuel speculation that the forward will play for the Edinburgh club.

Allen locks in

● An attempt to bring to-gether the 1989 British Lions

to win a first cap for Wales By Gerald Davies

For the game against France on Saturday week, in Cardiff, the Welsh rugby union selectors have introduced one new cap into the team which lost to New Zealand in November. He is Andrew Allen, of Newbridge, Andrew Allen, of Newbridge, who will occupy one of the lock positions alongside Kevin Moseley. Gareth Liewellyn, of Neath, is left out altogether and Phil Davies moves to the blind side of the scrum,

The back division sees the return of Mark Titley, of Swansea, on the wings, who last played for Wales against West-ern Samoa in 1986. Mike Hall moves into the centre instead of David Evans, whilst Evans, in turn, moves to stand-off half instead of Tony Clement Instead of Tony Clement
WALES: P Thorburn (Nesth); M Titley
(Swarssa), M Ring (Cardin), M Heit
(Bridgend), A Emyr (Swarsse); D Evans
(Cardin), R Jones (Swarsse), capt), M
Griffiths (Cardin), K Phillips (Nasth), D
Young (Cardin), P Davies (Lianell), A
Allen (Newtridge), K Mossley (Pontypool), G Jones (Lianell), M Jones (Nesth), A
Clement (Swansea), A Boom (Cambridge
University), G Jones (Pontypool), M
Parego (Lianell), H Williams-Jones
(South Wales Police),

Paul Cuskin leads the England team in the Scottish cross country union's six-mile centenary race at Irvine on Saturday. Back on track Johannesburg (Reuter) - The modernized Kyalami track

Fenech: three titles

**Youth squad** The British Amateur Rugby League Association has named a squad of 22 players to prepare for the youth international match against France at Barrow on March 3.

at Darrow off March 3.

SOUAD: D Archer (Berrow), C Booth (Gastleford), M Calliand (Oktham), M Crane (Humberside), M Dempsey (Workington), J Dyson (Devisoury), D Elfott (Wintehaven), S Gertland (Oktham), A Halliwell (Wigan), M Key (Oldhem), I Maher (Widnes), I McCrae (Hull), C Parr (Wigan), N Pinthey (Hull), D Patt (Widnes), M Riley (Widnes), S Segar (Wintehaven), M Smith (Castleford), C Wassall (Barrow), C While (Wigan), M Willenside (Willian), M Smith (Castleford), C Williand (Willian)

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